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Adopt the *International Building Code 2006* with the following amendments:

1. Amend Section 101.1 as follows:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the *Building Code* of ~~[NAME OF JURISDICTION]~~ the State of New Hampshire hereinafter referred to as "this code."

2. Amend Section 101.2 as follows:

101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy. Location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

Exception: Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not having more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures ~~shall comply with the International Residential Code.~~

3. Amend Section 101.4 as follows:

101.4 Referenced codes. The other codes listed in §101.4.1 through §101.4.7 and referenced elsewhere in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference.

101.4.1 Electrical. ~~The provisions of the *ICC Electrical Code* shall apply to the installation of electrical systems, including alterations, repairs, replacement, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances thereto.~~

101.4.2 Gas. ~~The provisions of the *International Fuel Gas Code* shall apply to the installation of gas piping from the point of delivery, gas appliances and related accessories as covered in this code. These requirements apply to gas piping systems extending from the point of delivery to the inlet connections of appliances and the installation and operation of residential and commercial gas appliances and related accessories.~~

101.4.3 Mechanical. The provisions of the *International Mechanical Code* shall apply to the installation, alterations, repairs, and replacement of mechanical systems, including equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and/or appurtenances, including ventilating, heating, cooling, air-conditioning and refrigeration systems, incinerators, and other energy-related systems.

101.4.4 Plumbing. The provisions of the *International Plumbing Code* shall apply to the installation, alterations, repairs and replacement of plumbing systems, including equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances, and where connected to a water or sewage system and all aspects of a medical gas system. The provisions of the *International Private Sewage Disposal Code* shall apply to private sewage disposal systems.

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101.4.5 Property maintenance. ~~The provisions of the *International Property Maintenance Code* shall apply to existing structures and premises; equipment and facilities; light, ventilation, space heating, sanitation, life and fire safety, hazards; responsibilities of owners, operators and occupants; and occupancy of existing premises and structures.~~

101.4.6 Fire prevention. ~~The provisions of the *International Fire Code* shall apply to matters affecting or relating to structures, processes and premises from the hazard of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling or use of structures, materials or devices; from conditions hazardous to life, property or public welfare in the occupancy of structures or premises; and from the construction, extension, repair, alteration or removal of fire suppression and alarm systems or fire hazards in the structure or on the premises from occupancy or operation.~~

101.4.7 Energy. The provisions of the *International Energy Conservation Code* shall apply to all matters governing the design and construction of buildings for energy efficiency.

4. Amend Section 102.6 as follows:

102.6 Existing structures. The legal occupancy of any structure existing on the date of adoption of this code shall be permitted to continue without change, except as is specifically covered in this code, ~~the *International Property Maintenance Code* or the *International Fire Code*~~, or as is deemed necessary by the building official for the general safety and welfare of the occupants and the public.

5. Amend Section 202 by adding the following:

Townhouse. A single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of three or more attached units in which each unit extends from foundation to roof and with open space on at least two sides.

6. Amend Section 906 as follows:

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

906.1 General. ~~Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in occupancies and locations as required by the *International Fire Code*.~~

906.1 Where required. Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in the following locations:

1. In new and existing Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4 and S occupancies.

Exception: In new and existing Group A, B and E occupancies equipped throughout with quick-response sprinklers, portable fire extinguishers shall be required only in locations specified in Items 2 through 6.

1. Within 30 feet (9144 mm) of commercial cooking equipment.
2. In areas where flammable or combustible liquids are stored, used or dispersed.
3. On each floor of structures under construction, except Group R-3 occupancies, in accordance with Section 3309.

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4. Special hazard areas, including but not limited to laboratories, computer rooms and generator rooms, where required by the code official.

906.2 General requirements. Portable fire extinguishers shall be selected, installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 10.

906.3 Conspicuous location. Portable fire extinguishers shall be located in conspicuous locations where they will be readily accessible and immediately available for use. These locations shall be along normal paths of travel, unless the code official determines that the hazard posed indicates the need for placement away from normal paths of travel.

906.4 Unobstructed and unobscured. Portable fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. In rooms or areas in which visual obstruction cannot be completely avoided, means shall be provided to indicate the locations of extinguishers.

906.5 Hangers and brackets. Hand-held portable fire extinguishers, not housed in cabinets, shall be installed on the hangers or brackets supplied. Hangers or brackets shall be securely anchored to the mounting surface in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

906.6 Cabinets. Cabinets used to house portable fire extinguishers shall not be locked.

Exceptions:

1. Where portable fire extinguishers subject to malicious use or damage are provided with a means of ready access.

2. In Group I-3 occupancies and in mental health areas in Group I-2 occupancies, access to portable fire extinguishers shall be permitted to be locked or to be located in staff locations provided the staff has keys.

906.7 Height above floor. Portable fire extinguishers having a gross weight not exceeding 40 pounds (18 kg) shall be installed so that its top is not more than 5 feet (1524 mm) above the floor. Hand-held portable fire extinguishers having a gross weight exceeding 40 pounds (18 kg) shall be installed so that its top is not more than 3.5 feet (1067 mm) above the floor. The clearance between the floor and the bottom of installed hand-held extinguishers shall not be less than 4 inches (102 mm).

7. Amend Section 2902.02 as follows:

2902.2 Separate facilities. Where plumbing fixtures are required, separate facilities shall be provided for each sex.

Exceptions:

1. Separate facilities shall not be required for dwelling units and sleeping units.

2. Separate facilities shall not be required in structures or tenant spaces with a total occupant load, including both the employees and customers, of 15 or less.

3. Separate facilities shall not be required in mercantile occupancies in which the maximum occupant load is 50 or less.

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4. Separate employee facilities shall not be required in occupancies in which 15 or less people are employed.
5. Separate facilities shall not be required in assembly occupancies that serve food with a total occupant load, including both employees and customers of less than 25.