

Lower Swatara Township Codes Department Residential Adopted Codes

If your project was under contract for design or construction before October 1, 2018, you may submit plans and specifications based upon 2009 ICC Codes with your permit application through March 31, 2019 if accompanied by an executed copy of your contract. All applications from April 1, 2019 must be designed under the 2015 Codes, regardless of when the design contract was executed.

International Residential Code 2015 is adopted with the exceptions listed below, several code years apply

The following are Excluded from the *2015 IRC*

- Section R302.5.1 (relating to opening protection).
- Section R322.2.1 (relating to elevation requirements for flood hazard areas).
- Section R322.3.2 (relating to elevation requirements for coastal high hazard areas).
- Section R325.5 (relating to openess).
- Table R507.6 (relating to deck beam span lengths).
- Table R602.7.5 (relating to minimum number of full height studs at each end of headers in exterior walls).
- Section N1101.4 (relating to above code programs).
- Section N1103.3.5 (relating to building cavities).
- Section N1103.5.2 (relating to demand recirculation systems).
- Table N1106.4 (relating to maximum energy rating index).
- Section P2503.5.1 (relating to rough plumbing).
- Section E3901.7 (relating to outdoor outlets).

The following *2015 IRC* sections are Amended

- Section N1101.6 (relating to defined terms) is amended by adding the definition of "framing factor" as the fraction of the total building component area that is structural framing.
- Table 1102.1.2 (relating to insulation and fenestration criteria) is amended by adding "or 18 + 6.5H" to climate zone 6 wood frame wall R-value.
- Table N1102.1.2 (relating to insulation and fenestration requirements by components) is amended by adding footnote j which permits R-18 insulation to be permitted in place of R-20 requirement provided the wall framing factor is 20% or less or exterior walls with 24" o.c. nominal vertical stud spacing.
- Section N1102.4.1.2 (relating to testing) is amended as having an air leakage rate not exceeding five air changes per hour for all climate zones.
- Section N1105.2 (relating to mandatory requirements) is amended to require compliance with the mandatory provisions of section N1102.4.1.2.
- Section M1601.4.1, exception 3 (relating to joints, seams, and connections) is amended by excluding this exception for snap-lock and button-lock type joints and seams located outside of conditioned spaces.
- Section M1602.2 item 2 (relating to return air openings) is amended to add the word perimeter before the first use of the word room.
- Section E3901.11 (relating to foyers) is amended by replacing 3 feet (914 mm) with 6 feet (1829 mm) and a minimum of one receptacle.

International Residential Code 2009: The following are adopted

- Section R302.5.1 (relating to opening protection).
- Section R322.2.1 (relating to elevation requirements for flood hazard areas).
- Section R322.3.2 (relating to elevation requirements for coastal high hazard areas).

- Section N1101.8 (relating to above code programs).
- Section N1103.2.3 (relating to building cavities).
- Section P2503.5.1 (relating to rough plumbing).
- Section E3901.7 (relating to outdoor outlets).

International Residential Code 2018: The following are adopted

- Section R325.5 (relating to openness) is adopted except for exception 2.
- Table R507.5 (relating to deck beam span lengths).
- Section R602.3.1 (relating to stud size, height, and spacing) exception 3.
- Table R602.3(6) (relating to alternate wood bearing wall stud size, height, and spacing).
- Table R602.7.5 (relating to minimum number of full height studs at each end of headers in exterior walls).
- Section N1103.3.6 (relating to ducts buried within ceiling insulation).
- Section N1103.3.7 (relating to ducts located in conditioned space).
- Table N1106.4 including footnote "a" (relating to maximum energy rating index).