



Codes and Standards Enforced Under the UCC

The revised regulations adopting the 2018 I Code series as reviewed and amended by the Review and Advisory Council (RAC) have an effective date of February 14, 2022. Where a design or construction contract is signed before this effective date, application may be made and permit issued under the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) in effect at the time of contract (*2015 Edition*) as long as application is made August 14, 2022 or before. Municipalities are permitted to adopt ordinance specifying a period prior to August 14, 2022. Additionally, the accessibility provisions of the 2021 I Code series were published on December 25, 2021 and became effective on December 25, 2021. The accessibility provisions adopted are also subject to the design contract provisions stated previously. Where a design or construction contract is signed before this effective date, application may be made and permit issued for accessibility provisions under the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) in effect at the time of contract as long as application is made June 25, 2022 or before.

In 1999, the Legislature established the act and directed the Department to promulgate regulations adopting certain building codes as the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). Since then, various codes issued by the ICC, including the International Building Code (IBC), have been adopted, in whole or in part, by reference into the UCC. Traditionally, the ICC has published fire and smoke protection features for elevator lobbies in Chapter 7 of the IBC. Every 3 years, the ICC publishes revisions to the ICC codes.

In Act 106 of 2008, the General Assembly established the RAC, whose members represent industry sectors that participate in the various aspects relating to building construction including building

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component design, construction, building code enforcement and local government representation. The RAC is charged to review the periodic changes to the revised ICC codes prior to adoption into the UCC.

On October 17, 2018, the UCC RAC voted to adopt Section 3006 (relating to elevator lobbies and hoistway opening protection) of the IBC of 2015. As such, the Department amended paragraph (a)(1) of Section 403.21 to add Section 3006 of the IBC of 2015. On November 3rd, the Pennsylvania Bulletin published an emergency certified regulation regarding smoke protection in elevator lobbies, and this regulation is temporarily effective as of that date. This regulation became permanent upon approval by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission on December 6, 2018.

Revised UCC Regulations

Chapter 11, Appendix E of the International Building Code of 2018 and any other accessibility requirements contained in the 2018 I-codes referenced by the Uniform Construction Code were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and became effective on June 15, 2019.