ADOPTED REGULATION OF
THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ENERGY
LCB File No. R126-13

Effective July 1, 2015

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-3, NRS 701.220.

A REGULATION relating to energy conservation; adopting by reference the 2012 *International Energy Conservation Code*; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest


Section 1. Section 4 of LCB File No. R024-11 (NAC 701.185) is hereby amended to read as follows:


   2. On or before July 1, 2015, and on or before July 1 of every third year thereafter, the Director will review the most recent version of the *International Energy Conservation Code*, including any amendments thereto, and will adopt by reference the most recent version of the *International Energy Conservation Code* and prescribe by regulation such amendments to the most recent version of the *International Energy Conservation Code* as

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the Director deems necessary to support effective compliance with and enforcement of the
International Energy Conservation Code in this State.

3. The Director will post on an Internet website maintained by the Office the notice of
adoption of the most recent version of the International Energy Conservation Code, the
date of adoption and any amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code
adopted by the Director by regulation.

Sec. 2. Section 5 of LCB File No. R024-11 (NAC 701.187) is hereby amended to read as
follows:

amendments thereto published by the International Code Council may be obtained from
the International Code Council, 25442 Network Place, Chicago, Illinois 60673-1254, by
telephone at (800) 786-4452 or at the Internet address http://www.iccsafe.org, for the
Residential Buildings may be obtained from the International Code Council for the price of
[2009] 2012 International Energy Conservation Code may also be obtained from the
International Code Council.

Sec. 3. This regulation becomes effective on July 1, 2015.
INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative code (NAC) Chapter 701.

1 The proposed amended regulation is intended to implement the provisions of Nevada Revised Statute 701.220, which authorizes the Director of the Governor's Office of Energy to adopt the latest version of the International Energy Conservation Code pursuant to Chapters 233B and 701 of NRS.

2 Copies of the proposed regulation, the notice of workshop and notice of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by email or fax to persons who were known to have an interest in the subject of adopting the 2012 International Energy Conservation Codes as well as any person who had specifically requested such notice. These documents were also made available at the website of the Governor's Office of Energy (GOE), www.energy.nv.gov, the website of the Nevada Legislature at http://leg.state.nv.us/App/NoticeIAI, faxed or emailed to all county libraries in Nevada and posted at the following locations:

- Governor’s Office of Energy
  755 N Roop St., Suite 202
  Carson City, Nevada 89701

- Grant Sawyer Building
  555 E Washington Ave
  Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

- Nevada State Library and Archives
  100 North Stewart Street
  Carson City, Nevada 89701

- Nevada State Capitol
  101 N Carson Street
  Carson City, Nevada 89701

- Carson City Library
  900 North Roop Street
  Carson City, Nevada 89701

A workshop was held on December 17, 2013, and the minutes of that workshop are attached hereto. The hearing was held in Carson City, at the Office of Energy with teleconference to the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas. The Governor's Office of Energy took oral comments at the workshop and asked for written comments to be submitted after the workshop if there was a desired language change. Comments were posted to the Governor's Office of Energy website once received. These comments were separate from those solicited prior to the public hearing.

On December 2, 2013, the Director issued a Notice for a Public Workshop For the Adoption of Permanent Regulations of the Governor's Office of Energy. The hearing was held in Reno, at the Builders Association of Northern Nevada on January 9, 2014.
On December 10, 2013, the Director issued a Notice of Hearing and Notice of Intent to Act Upon A Regulation. The hearing was held in Las Vegas at the Clark County Building Department on January 15, 2014.

On February 20, 2014, the Director issued a Notice of Hearing and Notice of Intent to Act Upon A Permanent Regulation. The hearing was held in Elko, at the Elko City Hall Chambers on March 27, 2014.

A copy of the minutes which provide comments made at each hearing can be found under the Laws, Regulations and Rulemaking at the link provided above. A recording of the workshop and hearings is also provided for review at the Governor's Office of Energy.

3  The number of persons who:
   a. **Attended each hearing:** December 17, 2013 -17 (11 in Carson City; 6 in Las Vegas); January 9, 2014 -12 (all in Reno); January 15, 2014-14 (all in Las Vegas); March 27, 2014-J. (2 in Elko; 1 by phone)
   b. **Testified at each hearing:** December 17, 2013 -2. (6 in Carson City; 3 in Las Vegas); January 9, 2014 -1 (all in Reno); January 15, 2014-1 (all in Las Vegas); March 27, 2014-Q (2 in Elko; 1 by phone)
   c. **Submitted to the agency written comments:** 6

4  The contact information for the persons who testified at each hearing and/or submitted comments to the Governor's Office of Energy are:

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The Legislature has previously conducted hearings and deliberations regarding the adoption of the International Energy Conservation Codes and was approved by previous legislation. Affected businesses were invited to attend via the methods of notice listed above. The affected businesses, or their representatives, testified at the hearings and workshops.

If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of reasons for adopting the regulation without change: The Governor's Office of Energy is mandated to implement the provisions of Nevada Revised Statute 701.220, which authorizes the Director of the Governor's Office of Energy to adopt the latest version of the International Energy Conservation Code pursuant to Chapters 233B and 701 of NRS. GOE received comments specific to the technical aspects of the 2012 IECC and relies on the local jurisdictions to either accept or reject these proposed changes as the GOE has no enforcement authority to implement any modifications.

The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the businesses which it is to regulate and on the public:
(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects on businesses and the public: The Legislature concluded that NRS.701.220 would and was intended to have only positive impacts upon small business by encouraging and promoting small businesses to build to the most recent energy efficient codes in Nevada.

(b) Both immediate and long-term effects on businesses and the public: The proposed regulations are intended to effectuate the Legislative intent and will not and are intended not to have any negative impact upon small businesses. The proposed regulations are and will have positive effects on small businesses that will be subject to the proposed regulations.

8 The changes proposed by the Governor's Office of Energy should not incur any new costs for the enforcement of the proposed regulation.

9 The proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate any existing state or federal regulation.

10 The proposed regulation does not include provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity.

11 The regulation establishes the amount of increased fees for the purchase of copies of the 2012 IECC that are determined by the International Energy Conservation Code organization. The Governor's Office of Energy is merely referencing these prices and is not increasing the amount of any fees and will not be generating additional revenue resulting from the increased prices charged by the ICC organization.

12 The Director has determined that the proposed regulation is not likely to impose a direct or significant economic burden on a small business.

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May 2, 2014