

# CHAPTER 11

## ADDITIONS

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**User note:**

**About this chapter:** Chapter 11 provides the requirements for additions, which correlate to the code requirements for new construction. There are, however, some exceptions that are specifically stated within this chapter. An “Addition” is defined in Chapter 2 as “an extension or increase in the floor area, number of stories or height of a building or structure.” Chapter 11 contains the minimum requirements for an addition that is not separated from the existing building by a fire wall.

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### SECTION 1101 GENERAL

**1101.1 Scope.** An *addition* to a building or structure shall comply with the *International Codes* as adopted for new construction without requiring the *existing building* or structure to comply with any requirements of those codes or of these provisions, except as required by this chapter. Where an *addition* impacts the *existing building* or structure, that portion shall comply with this code.

**1101.2 Creation or extension of nonconformity.** An *addition* shall not create or extend any nonconformity in the *existing building* to which the *addition* is being made with regard to accessibility, structural strength, fire safety, means of egress, or the capacity of mechanical, plumbing, or electrical systems.

**[S] 1101.3 Other work.** Any (~~repair or~~) *alteration* work within an *existing building* to which an *addition* is being made shall comply with the applicable requirements for the work as classified in Chapter 6.

### SECTION 1102 HEIGHTS AND AREAS

**1102.1 Height limitations.** An *addition* shall not increase the height of an *existing building* beyond that permitted under the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 of the *International Building Code* for new buildings.

**1102.2 Area limitations.** An *addition* shall not increase the area of an *existing building* beyond that permitted under the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 of the *International Building Code* for new buildings unless fire separation as required by the *International Building Code* is provided.

**Exception:** In-filling of floor openings and nonoccupiable appendages such as elevator and exit stairway shafts shall be permitted beyond that permitted by the *International Building Code*.

**1102.3 Fire protection systems.** Existing fire areas increased by the *addition* shall comply with Chapter 9 of the *International Building Code*.

### SECTION 1103 STRUCTURAL

**[S] 1103.1 Structural.** Additions to existing buildings or structures are new construction and shall comply with Section 303.3.

**[S][BS] (~~1103.3~~) 1103.2 Flood hazard areas.** Additions and foundations in flood hazard areas shall comply with ((the following requirements:)) Section 310.

((1. For horizontal *additions* that are structurally interconnected to the *existing building*:

1.1. If the *addition* and all other proposed work, when combined, constitute *substantial improvement*, the *existing building* and the *addition* shall comply with Section 1612 of the *International Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.

1.2. If the *addition* constitutes *substantial improvement*, the *existing building* and the *addition* shall comply with Section 1612 of the *International Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.

2. For horizontal *additions* that are not structurally interconnected to the *existing building*:

2.1. The *addition* shall comply with Section 1612 of the *International Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.

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- ~~2.2. If the *addition* and all other proposed work, when combined, constitute *substantial improvement*, the *existing building* and the *addition* shall comply with Section 1612 of the *International Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.~~
- ~~3. For vertical *additions* and all other proposed work that, when combined, constitute *substantial improvement*, the *existing building* shall comply with Section 1612 of the *International Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.~~
- ~~4. For a raised or extended foundation, if the foundation work and all other proposed work, when combined, constitute *substantial improvement*, the *existing building* shall comply with Section 1612 of the *International Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.~~
- ~~5. For a new foundation or replacement foundation, the foundation shall comply with Section 1612 of the *International Building Code* or Section R322 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.)~~

### SECTION 1104 SMOKE ALARMS IN OCCUPANCY GROUPS R AND I-1

[S] **1104.1 Smoke alarms in existing portions of a building.** Where an *addition* is made to a building or structure of a Group R or I-1 occupancy, the *existing building* shall be provided with smoke alarms as required by Section 1103.8 of the *International Fire Code*, ~~((or Section R314 of the *International Residential Code* as applicable.))~~

### SECTION 1105 CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN GROUPS I-1, I-2, I-4 AND R

**1105.1 Carbon monoxide alarms in existing portions of a building.** Where an *addition* is made to a building or structure of a Group I-1, I-2, I-4 or R occupancy, the *existing building* shall be equipped with carbon monoxide alarms in accordance with Section 1103.9 of the *International Fire Code* or Section R315 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.

### [S] ((SECTION 1106 STORM SHELTERS

~~**1106.1 Addition to a Group E occupancy.** Where an *addition* is added to an existing Group E occupancy located in an area where the shelter design wind speed for tornados is 250 mph in accordance with Figure 304.2(1) of ICC 500 and the occupant load in the *addition* is 50 or more, the *addition* shall have a storm shelter constructed in accordance with ICC 500.~~

~~**Exceptions:**~~

- ~~1. Group E day care facilities.~~
- ~~2. Group E occupancies accessory to places of religious worship.~~
- ~~3. *Additions* meeting the requirements for shelter design in ICC 500.~~

~~**1106.1.1 Required occupant capacity.** The required occupant capacity of the storm shelter shall include all buildings on the site, and shall be the greater of the following:~~

- ~~1. The total occupant load of the classrooms, vocational rooms and offices in the Group E occupancy.~~
- ~~2. The occupant load of any indoor assembly space that is associated with the Group E occupancy.~~

~~**Exceptions:**~~

- ~~1. Where an *addition* is being added on an existing Group E site, and where the *addition* is not of sufficient size to accommodate the required occupant capacity of the storm shelter for all of the buildings on site, the storm shelter shall at a minimum accommodate the required capacity for the *addition*.~~
- ~~2. Where *approved* by the code official, the required occupant capacity of the shelter shall be permitted to be reduced by the occupant capacity of any existing storm shelters on the site.~~

~~**1106.1.2 Location.** Storm shelters shall be located within the buildings they serve, or shall be located where the maximum distance of travel from not fewer than one exterior door of each building to a door of the shelter serving that building does not exceed 1,000 feet (305 m).)~~

### [S] ((SECTION 1107 ENERGY CONSERVATION

~~**1107.1 Minimum requirements.** *Additions* to existing buildings shall conform to the energy requirements of the *International Energy Conservation Code* or *International Residential Code* as they relate to new construction.)~~

**[S] SECTION 1107**  
**ADDITION OF DWELLING UNITS**

**[S] 1107.1 Automatic sprinkler systems.** Automatic sprinkler systems are required when new dwelling units are added to buildings according to Items 1 through 5 below. This provision is permitted to be used to add one unit after October 29, 1990.

1. One unit is permitted to be added to a residential or commercial building without an automatic sprinkler system unless sprinklers are otherwise required by this section. If more than one unit is added, the new units shall be equipped with a sprinkler system.
2. In buildings that do not comply with the provisions of this code for number of stories, allowable area, height or type of construction before the unit is added, an automatic sprinkler system shall be provided in the new unit. The addition of the new unit shall not be allowed if it increases the nonconformity.
3. In buildings undergoing *substantial alteration*, an automatic sprinkler system shall be installed where required by this code for new construction.
4. One unit is permitted to be added to an existing duplex without an automatic sprinkler system where both of the following conditions are met:
  - 4.1 The project is considered a *substantial alteration* only because of the change in occupancy; and
  - 4.2 The building complies with the requirements for building height and number of stories for a Group R-2 occupancy.
5. Where one unit is added to an existing duplex, sprinklers are required in the new unit and not in the existing units where all of the following conditions are met:
  - 5.1 The existing duplex does not comply with the requirements for building height and story count for a Group R-2 occupancy;
  - 5.2 The project is considered a *substantial alteration* only because of the change in occupancy;
  - 5.3 The new unit is constructed as an *addition* to the duplex;
  - 5.4 The new unit is separated from the existing duplex by a fire wall; and
  - 5.5 The *addition* by itself complies with the requirements for a Group R-2 occupancy.

**[S] 1107.1.1 Fire walls.** An existing nonconforming building to which an *addition* is made is permitted to exceed the height, number of stories and area specified for new buildings if a fire wall is provided, the existing building is not made more nonconforming, and the *addition* conforms to this code.

