



**THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL CODES
WILL GO INTO EFFECT
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CODES: DID YOU KNOW?

- Building Codes are updated every three years to keep up with trends and needs.
- Building Codes are developed through the input of code officials, designers, builders, manufacturers, and other experts.
- Code changes are vetted by committees and voted on by industry experts worldwide before going into effect.
- The International Code Council is the organization that compiles and publishes the Codes.
- Cities like Denison formally adopt the Building Codes into law.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE

306.5 – Change of Occupancy (Clarification)

- Where a change of occupancy occurs with no alterations, it does not need to be brought up to accessibility standards

306.6 – Additions (Addition)

- Where additions contain dwelling or sleeping units, only those in the addition are subject to accessibility requirements
- The addition must have a minimum of one accessible route to the existing building and a minimum of one accessible means of egress

401.2 – Work on Nondamaged Components (Addition)

- Portions of a building that are repaired or replaced as a part of a repair are not considered an alteration

501.2/1101/1102/1302.1.3 – Additions (Modification)

- Sections regarding additions to existing buildings have been modified and expanded to match each other and the IBC

503.15/503.17/804.4/902.3 – Ambulatory Care Facilities (Addition)

- New language and a new definition have been added to incorporate regulations from the IBC when substantial renovations affect an ambulatory care facility, including smoke compartments and tenant separation requirements

1001.2/1004.1/1011.1/1011.2 – Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Threshold (Clarification)

- Fire safety thresholds for change of occupancy have been clarified to require comparison between the fire protection systems existing in the building versus those expected per IBC Chapter 9 for the proposed occupancy

1205.1 – Repairs on Historic Buildings (Modification)

- Structural repairs on historic buildings are permitted to return the building to its predamaged condition without consideration of how much of the building was damaged, without additional work