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**ICC cdpACCESS
AWC Desired Outcomes on International Building Code (IBC) Public
Comments
Based on Public Comment Hearings
Sept. 30 – Oct. 5, 2015
Long Beach, CA**

The ICC membership took Public Comment Hearing (PCH) action on proposed changes to the 2015 International Building Code (IBC) in Long Beach, CA, September 30 -- October 5, 2015. The PCH results set the agenda for the cdpACCESS *Online Governmental Consensus Vote*. During a 2-week period starting sometime in late October (to be announced) cdpACCESS will be available for online voting. Validated *Governmental Member Voting Representatives* code officials will be voting online, determining the final action on these results.

AWC supports the following cdpACCESS actions on the 2015 IBC code changes. Please do not hesitate to contact AWC staff if you have questions or would like to discuss the AWC positions.

Please consider the urgent recommendation regarding G170-15, immediately below.

Code Change	AWC Desired outcome on cdpACCESS vote	Rationale
G170	Disapprove	Technical errors discovered in Public Comment #2, which have significant impact on wood construction; this PC was mistakenly represented as editorial at PCH. The ICC Building Code Action Committee (BCAC) has issued a statement withdrawing support.
E97	Disapprove	Reducing travel distance for buildings in high seismic and wind areas is not justified.
E105	Disapprove	Increasing corridor fire resistance ratings for buildings in high seismic and wind areas is not justified.
FS7	As Modified	Provides needed direction for the protection of light frame built-up stud packs and columns within fire resistance rated walls.
FS28	Disapprove	Provisions would cause unintended consequences; fire wall loading criteria is being developed in the NFPA standard related to fire walls.
FS29	As Modified by Public Comment 1	Needed for effective high seismic design and will not significantly affecting the performance of fire walls
FS30	As Submitted	Provides for CLT fire walls in Types III and IV construction with appropriate ratings and protection of materials.
FS34	Disapprove	Additional fire resistance rated joints are not justified for non-rated assemblies; imprecise language regarding the protection of voids

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FS42	As Modified by Public Comment 1	Good clarification of attic sprinkler protection criteria when draftstopping is omitted, among other improvements.
FS68	As Modified by Public Comment 1	Need clarification of charging language in section on fire resistance rated joints (makes no technical change).
FS135	Disapprove	Unnecessary and has the potential to require retesting of products.
FS136	Disapprove	Unnecessary and has the potential to require retesting of products.
FS139	Disapprove	Unnecessarily shifts focus of requirements from ASTM E84 to NFPA 286.
FS150	Disapprove	Imposes performance criteria on evaluation of house wraps which vary from current methods in ICC-ES acceptance criteria.
FS153	Disapprove	ASTM E2556 contains thresholds that may inadvertently limit options for water-resistive barriers.
FS159	Disapprove	Required hygrothermal analysis is not justified for the conditions specified.
G128	Disapprove	Restriction of building size in high seismic and wind areas is not justified.
G135	Disapprove	Additional fire apparatus access roads are not justified.
G140	Disapprove	Restriction of building size for wood construction types in high wind and seismic areas is not justified.
G144	Disapprove	Reduces the open frontage area increases for only Types III, IV, and V construction without justification.
G152	Disapprove	Increased fire resistance of occupancy separations for wood construction types in high wind and seismic areas is not justified.
G162	Disapprove	Mandating 50 feet of side yard separation for Type V podium buildings is not justified.
G165	Pending	The development of code criteria for tall wood buildings will be considered by the ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings in anticipation of the next code change cycle.
G170	Disapprove	Technical errors discovered which has significant impact on wood construction; BCAC has issued a statement withdrawing support; change mistakenly represented as editorial at PCH.
G171	Disapprove	Restriction of building size in high seismic and wind areas is not justified.
G172	As Submitted	Would provide the same criteria for exterior walls in Type III construction as in Type IV.
G175	As Submitted	Adds specific reference to sheathing in FRTW framing provisions.
G177	Disapprove	Specific conditions in the original proposal for the use of FRTW in exterior walls are unnecessary.

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G179	As Submitted	This editorial reorganization of independent heavy timber requirements and Type IV construction type provisions will aid in the application of both; companion G180 was approved on consent agenda.
G181	Approved as Modified by Public Comment 1	Adds needed provisions for protected concealed spaces in Type IV construction.
G182	Approved as Modified by Public Comment 1	Adds needed provisions structural composite and glued laminated timber components in Type IV exterior walls if protected and rated as required for CLT.
G184	As Submitted	Clarifies minimum required thickness for CLT component of exterior walls in Type IV; removes minimum overall FRTW wall thickness requirements that were introduced with CLT provisions.
G190	As Submitted	Provides needed performance-based alternatives for sound transmission design using engineering analysis.
G228	Disapprove	Requiring fire fighting vehicle access to all four sides of Type V buildings of a certain height is impractical.
G236	Disapprove	Proposed appendix containing an alternative building code for "resilient" construction is not justified.