



OBOA Codes Committee

2027 ICC I-CODES VOTER GUIDE

Introduction to the Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV)

The 2027 International Codes development process is now entering its final stage: the Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV). Following the Public Comment Hearing (PCH), this is the final opportunity for eligible governmental voting members to determine the outcome of code change proposals for the 2027 I-Codes.

This guide was prepared by the OBOA Codes Committee to assist governmental voting members by highlighting proposals identified as significant to building safety, code enforcement, and administration. The recommendations reflect the opinions of the OBOA Codes Committee and are intended as a resource only. Voters are encouraged to review the full code change proposals, public comments, and hearing testimony prior to casting votes.

During the OGCV, voters will see each proposal along with:

- The proposal number and affected code section
- The PCH result (AS, AMC, AMPC, or D)
- Committee actions from CAH #1 and CAH #2
- Approved modifications and vote tallies
- The voting options available for the proposal

The required vote threshold during the OGCV depends on both the CAH #2 recommendation and the action taken at the Public Comment Hearing. The quick reference table below summarizes the most common voting scenarios and the majority needed for passage.

ICC Voting Acronyms & Terms

- **OGCV** – Online Governmental Consensus Vote
- **PCH** – Public Comment Hearing
- **CAH #1 / CAH #2** – Committee Action Hearing #1 and #2
- **AS** – Approved as Submitted
- **AMC** – Approved as Modified by Committee
- **AMPC** – Approved as Modified by Public Comment
- **D** – Disapproved
- **GMVR** – Governmental Member Voting Representative



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Quick Reference — Understanding OGCV Vote Thresholds

Note: A simple majority (>50%) is generally required to sustain the Public Comment Hearing action unless the vote seeks to overturn a prior committee recommendation, in which case a 2/3 majority is typically required.

CAH #2 Result	PCH Result	What Happened?	OGCV Vote Needed
AS	AS	PCH upheld Committee recommendation	Simple Majority
AMC	AMC	PCH upheld Committee modification	Simple Majority
D	D	PCH upheld Disapproval	Simple Majority
AMC	AMPC	PCH changed Committee modification	2/3 Majority
D	AS	PCH overturned Committee Disapproval	2/3 Majority
D	AMPC	PCH overturned Committee Disapproval with modification	2/3 Majority
AS	D	PCH overturned Committee Approval	Simple Majority (to sustain PCH Disapproval)
AMC	D	PCH overturned Committee Modification	Simple Majority (to sustain PCH Disapproval)



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How to Vote in cdpACCESS (ICC OGCV)

1. Log into your ICC account at cdpACCESS using your validated Governmental Member Voting Representative (GMVR) credentials.
2. Open the **Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV)** ballot list and select a proposal.
3. Review the proposal details, including:
 - Code text and any modifications
 - Committee and Public Comment Hearing (PCH) actions
 - Hearing testimony/video (optional)
 - Available ballot options (AS, AMC, AMPC, D, etc.) and the required vote threshold
4. Cast your vote and save. You may return and revise votes during the voting window — **only your final vote counts.**
5. If you voted in person at the PCH, your vote will already appear and may still be changed during OGCV.

Tip: When reviewing each proposal, cdpACCESS displays the exact version being voted on (e.g., *Approved as Modified by Committee [AMC2]* or *Approved as Modified by Public Comment [AMPC]*) along with the voting threshold needed for passage.

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E24-24	IBC	1006.3.4, 1006.3.5 (New), 1006.3.5.1 (New) thru 1006.3.5.6 (New), 1023.12, 1031.2	Single Exits	Revision to allow single exit for Group R-2 occupancies that comply with new section 1006.3.5 requirements.	AMC2	Revised to allow single exit stair for four-story Group R-2 building, with maximum 4 dwelling units, maximum exit access travel distance, and net floor area limitation per floor. Manual fire alarm and automatic smoke detection system required, along with NFPA 13 sprinkler requirements for combustible stairways for the interior exit stairways regardless of construction type.	AMC2 (Vote: 86-34)		AMC2	Simple	Neutral	The committee remained neutral because Oregon already permits single-exit stair provisions for optional local adoption, although Oregon's allowances are more limited (4 stories rather than 6) than the proposed model code changes. Many of the proposal's core concepts are already reflected in Oregon code, the committee did not reach consensus on whether to support or oppose.
E73-24	IBC	1011.7.2	Stairs	Add markings (stripe on leading edge) on all commercial stairs.	AMC2	Modification adds clarity by moving the revisions to the correct sections (marking stripes on treads, and marking stripes on landing).	D (Vote: 54-64)		AMC2	Simple	Disapprove	Added requirement is not necessary. Fiscal impacts, cost of construction would be increased.
E111-24	IBC; IFC [BE]	1028.2	Exit Discharge	Adds clarification about when intermediate handrails are required.	None - D		AMC2 (Vote: 55-53)		AMC2	2/3 Majority	Disapprove	The committee recommends disapproval of E111-24 because the proposal would require fire-rated construction for an entire story rather than limiting the protection to the specific area serving the exit discharge path. The committee believes this approach would result in significant construction costs with minimal added life safety benefit.
E117-24	IBC	1105.1	Accessibility - Public Entrances	Reduce R-2/R-3/R-4 to only one accessible entrance.	None - AS		D (Vote: 65-40)		D	Simple	Disapprove	Proponent, Steve Thomas, recommended at Public Comment to disapprove it.
FS2-24	IBC	703.2.1.3	Fire Resistant Rating	Add language to exempt concrete girders beams slabs etc. from restrained members that need to be specifically identified as restrained	None - AS		AS (Vote: 23-4)		AS	Simple	Support	Good clarifying language to help guide the design professional on identifying restrained members.
FS6-24	IBC	703.3.1, 703.3.2 (New)	Fire Resistant Rating	Add language to not require inherent materials like steel and concrete to be tested for non-combustibility.	AMC2	Rewritten to list out the following materials not requiring testing, rather than identifying them as "inherently" noncombustible.	AMPC1 (Vote: 101-1)	Modification for coordination as recommended and proposed by the CCC.	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Support	Good added language to clarify which materials are inherently noncombustible.
FS61-24	IBC	Table 716.1(2)	Opening protectives	Add footnote for glazing not exceeding a size notes in the table and sending thereader to the applicable code when the glazing size is exceeded	None - AS		AMPC1 (Vote: 124-2)	Modification to footnote reference j for fire-rated glazing, fire resistance. Rather than the footnote applying to the whole column it is now added to the rows that the footnote applies too.	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Support	The public comment modification is a good clean-up from the as submitted language as it helps to identify where the footnote specifically applies.
S45-25 pt I	IBC; IBC	1512.5; 705.5	Reinstallation PV Systems	New section to allow the re-installation of previously approved PV systems on roofs being repaired or replaced.	AMC2	Modification to clarify a couple of the conditions. Clarification that the system is installed to the edition of the code it was permitted, and the location is to the previously approved location.	AMC2 (Vote: 92-2)		AMC2	Simple	Support	Good added language to remind that reinstallation of permitted and approved PV rooftop systems after re-roof or repair still requires permits, and the new language provides guidance on what is needed for permitting.
S59-25	IBC	Table 1604.5	Risk Category	Revision to move Group I-2 Condition 1 with 50 or more care recipients to RC III.	None - D		AS (Vote: 69-32)		AS	2/3 Majority	Disapprove	The move of the Group I-2 occupancies to the risk category IV was just made and approved in the previous cycle (2024 IBC). Most states and jurisdictions have not even adopted the 2024 IBC yet into their state and municipal codes. This undoes what was approved from the last cycle.
S153-25	IBC	Section 202 (New), 2303.1.1.3 (New), 2303.1.1.3.1 (New), ASTM Chapter 35 (New)	Salvage Lumber	New section to allow the use of salvage lumber and the structural application of it.	AMC2	Modification to add sections to address existing grading marks and to certification of unidentified existing grading mark.	AMPC3 (Vote: 55-2)		AMPC3	2/3 Majority	Neutral	The committee remained neutral because members recognized and appreciated the work by the City of Eugene to develop new written provisions for the use of salvage lumber. However, some committee members felt portions of the proposal may be overly restrictive or unnecessary, resulting in a neutral position while still highlighting the effort and intent behind the proposal.
S159-25	IBC	1402.11 (New), 2304.3.3, 2304.3.3.1 (New), 2510.8 (New)	Wood Shrinkage	Added new subsections to require exterior cladding systems to be designed and accommodate vertical movements due to shrinkage.	None - D		AMPC1 (Vote: 52-13)	Removed new sections 2304.3.3.1 and 2510.8 (added sections specifically for exterior cladding), instead added exterior wall coverings to the shrinkage section in wood (2304.3.3).	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Disapprove	Does not seem necessary to single out and add exterior wall coverings as needing to accommodate temperature and shrinkage effects of wood. These along with other non-structural systems should be considering the effects of wood shrinkage, a rewrite of this provision would be preferred and should be looked at in the next cycle.
F53-24	IFC	320.4.3, 320.4.3.1 (New), 320.4.3.2, 320.4.3.3, 320.4.3.4, 320.4.3.5 (New), 320.4.3.6 (New)	Outdoor Storage Lithium Batteries	Added sections to address technical opinion reports, containers, and weather protection. Modifications to distance from storage to exposures, storage area size limits, and fire detection.	None - AS		AMPC1 (Vote: 86-14)	Added exceptions to storage area size limits and separation, and to fire detection sections.	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Neutral	The committee remained neutral as there does not appear to be clear implications associated with the building code with this change to the fire code.
F108-24	IFC	Section 903, 903.2, 903.2.10.3 (New); IBC: Section 903, [F] 903.2, 903.2.10.3 (New)	Batteries	Sprinklers for storage of lithium ion vehicles exceeding 500 ft² storage area	None - AS		AMPC1 (Vote: 85-18)	Modification to Group 5-2 parking garage sprinkler requirement to add and indicate the requirement is for all public parking garages, and the size triggers have been removed.	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Disapprove	The committee acknowledges the intent of the proposal to address concerns related to electric vehicle fires in parking garages; however, the committee believes the proposal applies a broad sprinkler requirement without sufficient data demonstrating that existing code provisions are inadequate or that the proposed expansion would provide a proportional increase in life safety. The committee also noted that the proposal could significantly increase construction costs for smaller public parking garages and may create unintended impacts beyond the originally identified EV fire concerns.
F110-24	IFC	903.3.1.1.2; IBC: [F] 903.3.1.1.2	Bathroom coverings - sprinklers	NFSA bathroom covering - clean up and correlates with NFPA 13	None - D		AMPC2 (Vote: 89-13)	Clarification to indicate minimum requirements on how to enclose the small bathroom space to not require sprinklers.	AMPC2	2/3 Majority	Support	Good clarifying language from the public comment modification.
F162-24	IFC	Section 1108 (New), 1108.1 (New)	Fire Protection for Repair or Reconstruction	New section for fire protection for post-fire repair or reconstruction for institutional and residential occupancies.	None - AS		D (Vote: 46-46)		AS	Simple	Neutral	The committee did not have strong opinions regarding this proposal.
F199-24	IFC		Temporary structures	Cross reference to IBC chapter 31 for temporary membrane structures.	AMC2	Comment to address committee feedback, with references now pointing to the specific applicable sections of chapter 31 of the IBC.	D (Vote: 31-46)		AMC2	Simple	Neutral	The committee did not have strong opinions regarding this proposal as there are no substantial changes to the actual building provisions regarding these temporary structures.

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P30-24	IPC	405.3.4 (New), 405.3.4, 405.3.5, Chapter 15, IAPMO Chapter 15 (New)	Water closet & Urinal Privacy	Mandatory privacy standards for water closets and urinal partitions in separate gender toilet rooms; all-gender toilet rooms; public and employee toilet rooms.	AMC2	Clarification to the fire testing requirements for premanufactured water closet and urinal partitions that is ambiguous in the IAPMO standard.	AMPC1 (Vote: 43-0)	For premanufactured water closet and urinal partitions, new pointer for partitions made of HDPE and PP to comply with section 803.9.	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Neutral	The committee kept this proposal on the guide because there are good aspects to the proposal, particularly where some dimensions are given for the partitions. However, the proposal does introduce a new standard just for water closets and urinal partitions, which only adds to the ever growing list of standards.
EB7-25	IEBC	Chapter 3	Provisions for All Compliance	Relocation, restructuring and clarification of the entire chapter 3.	AMC2	Change to incorporate the feed back from the committee at CAH1.	AMPC1 (Vote: 73-17)	Additional clean up to the language.	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Disapprove	The committee recommends disapproval because the proposed reorganization and relocation of provisions adds unnecessary complexity and could create confusion in navigating and applying the IEBC. The committee also noted that many of the changes are editorial in nature and do not provide a significant functional improvement to justify the extent of the restructuring.
EB13-25	IEBC	301.3, 301.3.1, 301.3.2, 301.3.3	Existing IRC	Added language to the alteration, addition, or change of occupancy section of 301 to align with IRC section R102.6, which indicates when any of these are done to an IRC building and pushes it outside of the IRC, the building must comply with IEBC.	None - D		AMPC1 (Vote: 69-3)	Modification to address committee concerns and comments. Proposal now moved to address change of occupancy only and to a change to higher hazard category.	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Neutral	This change will allow the use of the work area method for those portions of an IRC building that due to additions, alterations or change of use, that resulted in a use, occupancy, height, or means of egress outside the scope of the IRC. Currently these situations would need to comply with the IBC requirements as the prescriptive path is the only option.
EB36-25	IEBC	Section 310 (New), 310.1 (New), Chapter 10, Section 1009, 1009.1	Plumbing	Proposal to move the exception for plumbing fixture minimum requirements for change of occupancy, to the provisions for all compliance. Where alterations that result in occupant load increase by more than 20% needs plumbing fixtures addressed.	None - D		AMPC1 (Vote: 78-1)	Changed from minimum fixture to increased plumbing requirements that now address alterations, additions, and change of occupancy.	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Support	This is a good change to rewrite the exception from the change of occupancy section, to now have a requirement that addresses additions, alterations, and change of occupancy.
EB103-25	IEBC	1011.2.1	Change of Occupancy	Deletion of exception to sprinkler requirements for change of occupancies for IRC buildings.	None - D		AMPC1 (Vote: 81-1)	Removed an added sentence at the end of the section that referenced the IRC for sprinkler requirements for SFD and townhomes.	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Support	This is good clean-up language to remove an exception that wouldn't be used.
RB35-25	IRC-B	R317 (new section)	Occupiable Roofs	Added provisions for occupiable roofs.	AMC2	Amendment to limit occupiable roof to serve an individual dwelling unit and not extend to adjacent units.	AMPC1 (Vote: 48-2)	Revision to mechanical enclosure exception language to clean up language.	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Support	The proposal is well written and a good amendment to address occupiable roofs in the IRC.
RB63-25	IRC-B	R302.2 Townhouses	Fire-resistant construction	Add prescriptive assemblies for 1-hr and 2-hr from the IBC.	AMC2	Clean-up to account for committee comments.	AMPC1 (Vote: 54-0)	Added to table allowed prescriptive assemblies of other construction types (i.e., masonry).	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Support	This is a good proposal that brings in the prescriptive rated assemblies from the IBC that clarifies how to construct (i.e., fastener requirements, lay-up, etc.) the required rated assemblies in the IRC.
RB108-25	IRC-B	R316.3	Habitable attics	Revision to exception item #4, to require fire sprinkler system for habitable attics above a third story.	AMC2	Clean-up to address terminology to use the term "story above grade plane".	AMC2 (Vote: 30-25)		AMC2	Simple	Support	Need to support AMC2 as exception item #4 needs to be corrected to use the term "story above grade plane", otherwise a basement impacts distance from the habitable attic to grade.
RB121-25	IRC-B	R318.7.5.1	Risers	Restores riser and tread depths to those of prior code additions.	None - AS		D (Vote: 5-50)		AS	Simple	Disapprove	Oregon already revises the ORSC to maintain the 8"x9" from earlier code models. This proposal would increase the riser to 8-1/4" which would be even more permissive than what Oregon allows. See reason statement for public comment #3 for additional reasoning.
G28-24	IBC	IBC: [P] 1210.2.2, [P] 1210.3, [P] 1210.3.1, [P] 1210.3.2, Chapter 35 IAPMO (New)	Plumbing Fixtures	Goes with P30-24. Proposals adds to the reference standard new IAPMO standard for water closets and urinal partitions.	None - AS		AMPC1 (Vote: 40-0)	Same change as P30-24	AMPC1	2/3 Majority	Neutral	See rationale for P30-24.
G34-25	IBC	303.1.2	Small assembly space	Revision to remove the words "accessory to another occupancy".	AS		D (Vote: 35-91)		AS	Simple	Disapprove	Removing the words "accessory to another occupancy may lead to unintended consequences. See reason statements to Public Comment #1 & #2 at PCH.
G127-25	IBC	602.4	Type IV Construction	Added exception to allow FRT interior non-load bearing partition walls in type IV structures.	AS		AS (Vote: 65-50)		AS	Simple	Disapprove	See the reason statement to Public Comment #1 at PCH. This code change would run counter to what the Tall Wood Building Committee developed for the mass timber provisions.
G143-25	IBC	1204.1, 1204.2 (New), 1204.2, 1204.2.1, 1204.2.3 (New), 1204.2.4 (New), 1204.2.2 (New), 1204.2.6 (New)	Natural lighting	Proposal to address the allowance of windowless rooms in the IBC.	AMC2	Disapproved at CAH1, proposal now added to address providing natural lighting in Group R occupancies.	AMC2 (Vote: 73-52)		AMC2	Simple	Support	At the PCH, there were examples given where there are dormitories had majority of the sleeping rooms located in the interior of the building and was not provided with natural lighting. There are many health benefits to providing natural lighting.