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PUBLIC CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM FOR PUBLIC PROPOSALS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CODES

2007/2008 CODE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

CLOSING DATE: All Proposals Must Be Received by August 20, 2007

The 2007/2008 Code Development Hearings are tentatively scheduled for
February 18 – March 2, 2008, location TBD.

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3) Indicate appropriate International Code(s) associated with this Public Proposal – Please use Acronym: **IPMC**
 If you have also submitted a separate coordination change to another I-Code, please indicate the code: **N/A**
 (See section below for list of names and acronyms for the International Codes).

4) **Be sure to format your proposal and include all information as indicated on Page 2 of this form.**

5) Proposals should be sent to the following offices via regular mail or email. An e-mail submittal is preferred, including an electronic version, in either Wordperfect or Word. The only formatting that is needed is **BOLDING, STRIKEOUT AND UNDERLINING**. Please do not provide additional formatting such as tabs, columns, etc., as this will be done by ICC. **REMOVE TRACKING CHANGES, AUTOMATIC NUMBERING, OR ANY OTHER ADVANCED FORMATTING TOOLS THAT ARE PROVIDED BY WORD, FROM FILES CONTAINING YOUR CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL THAT YOU SEND TO ICC.**

Please use a separate form for each proposal submitted. Note: All code changes received will receive an acknowledgment.

Please check here if separate graphic file provided.

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Code

IBC - International Building Code
 IEBC - International Existing Building Code
 IFC - International Fire Code
 IFGC - International Fuel Gas Code
 IPC - International Plumbing Code
 IPSDC - International Private Sewage Disposal Code
 IPMC - International Property Maintenance Code
 IWUIC - International Wildland-Urban Interface Code
 IZC - International Zoning Code
 ELECT - International Code Council Electrical Code– Administrative Provisions

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 ICC PC - ICC Performance Code
 IMC - International Mechanical Code
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CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL

Code Sections/Tables/Figures Proposed for Revision (3.3.2):

603.2

Name/Company/Representing (3.3.1):

Tom Neltner, National Center for Healthy Housing and Alliance for Healthy Homes

Proposal: NOTE: PLEASE READ ITEM 5) of the first page of this form for formatting instructions.

Revise as follows:

603.2 Removal of combustion products. All fuel-burning equipment and appliances shall be connected to an approved chimney or vent.

Exception: Fuel-burning equipment and appliances which are labeled for **indoor** unvented operation **and operated and maintained consistent with that label.**

Supporting Information (3.3.4 & 3.4):

More than 1.6 million dwelling units rely on an unvented, fuel-burning space heater as the main heating unit according to the 2005 National American Housing Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau (see www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/ahs/ahs.html). There are more than three million in use. 1.2 million homes rely on stoves including almost 150,000 that rely on cooking stoves for their main heating equipment

The label on these units typically require that the space heater be operated in a well ventilated unit and that the units be turned off when the room is not occupied. Unfortunately, some people may not follow these instructions, and instead may close up the dwelling unit tightly to avoid heat loss, especially in an ice or snow storm when power is out.

The Consumer Products Safety Commission routinely reinforces this message with press releases. See www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PREREL/prhtml06/06053.html (issued 12/16/05) and www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PREREL/prhtml04/04054.html (issued on 12/16/04) for examples. The CPSC states that users should:

- Keep doors open to the rest of the house if you are using an unvented fuel-burning space heater. This helps prevent pollutant build-up and promotes proper combustion. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to provide sufficient combustion air to prevent CO production.
- Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep. Never place a space heater close to any sleeping person.
- Turn the space heater off if you leave the area. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

The current code does not explicitly require that the equipment and appliances be operated and maintained consistent with the label. Without this explicit requirement, the code inspector may not be able to enforce the label requirement. Given the nature of the danger, the requirement should be explicit.

Referenced Standards (3.4 & 3.6):

None

Cost Impact (3.3.4.6):

The proposal will not increase the costs of new construction. In existing buildings, it will not impact maintenance or operating costs since it is reasonable to assume compliance with the label.