

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-37-00

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The following is offered in response to your letter in which you request official interpretations of the State Building Code.

Question I 1: “What sections of the 1994 State Building Code define or use the term ‘violation?’”

Answer I 1: The term violation is not defined within the 1994 State Building Code. The term is used throughout the code, in locations too numerous to list. Section 117.0 of the 1994 State Building Code specifically deals with violations.

Question I 2a: “What sections of the 1994 State Building Code identify enforcement measures a building official can pursue before issuance of a STOP WORK order?”

Answer I 2a: Section 117.0 of the State Building Code describes the citing, recording and subsequent actions pursuant to observed violations of the code.

Question I 2b: “What sections of the building code identify enforcement measures a building official can pursue after issuance of a STOP WORK order?”

Answer I 2b: Sections 118.2, 117.3, 117.4 and 117.5.

Question II 3a: “Is the official title of the January 1, 1989 to October 15, 1989 building code the ‘Connecticut Basic Building Code’ or the ‘State Building Code?’”

Answer II 3a: The two titles refer to one and the same document. The cover page of the applicable code refers to the document as the State Building Code while the regulatory language on the first page refers to the Connecticut Basic Building Code. This ambiguity leads me to believe that the correct title is the Connecticut Basic Building Code, also known as the State Building Code.

Question II 3b: “Is the official title of the October 15, 1989 to December 31, 1989 building code the ‘Connecticut Basic Building Code’ or the ‘State Building Code?’”

Answer II 3b: The two titles refer to one and the same document. The cover page of the applicable code refers to the document as the State Building Code while the regulatory language on the first page refers to the Connecticut Basic Building Code. This ambiguity leads me to believe that the correct title is the Connecticut Basic Building Code, also known as the State Building Code.

Question II 4a: “Does RCSA 29-252-1 omit identification of any portion of the Connecticut Basic Building Code?”

Answer II 4a: The documents enumerated by the referenced regulation are the base documents that comprise the code. There are, however, additional technical standards referenced at multiple locations throughout the code. Those standards, by reference, are incorporated into the requirements of the code. In addition, the Connecticut General Statutes contain much information that impacts the building code and local building officials.

Question II 4b: “Does RCSA 29-252-1a omit identification of any portion of the Connecticut Basic Building Code?”

Answer II 4b: The documents enumerated by the referenced regulation are the base documents that comprise the code. There are, however, additional technical standards referenced at multiple locations throughout the code. Those standards, by reference, are incorporated into the requirements of the code. In addition, the Connecticut General Statutes contain much information that impacts the building code and local building officials.

Question II 4c: “Does RCSA 29-252-1b omit identification of any portion of the State Building Code?”

Answer II 4c: The documents enumerated by the referenced regulation are the base documents that comprise the code. There are, however, additional technical standards referenced at multiple locations throughout the code. Those standards, by reference, are incorporated into the requirements of the code. In addition, the Connecticut General Statutes contain much information that impacts the building code and local building officials.

Question II 4d: “Does RCSA 29-252-1c omit identification of any portion of the State Building Code?”

Answer II 4d: The documents enumerated by the referenced regulation are the base documents that comprise the code. There are, however, additional technical standards referenced at multiple locations throughout the code. Those standards, by reference, are incorporated into the requirements of the code. In addition, the Connecticut General Statutes contain much information that impacts the building code and local building officials.

Question II 4e: “Is CGS 29-263 part of any Connecticut Basic Building Code or any State Building Code?”

Answer II 4e: All State Building Codes and Connecticut Basic Building Codes have contained some of the provisions found in Section 29-263 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Your request to identify those provisions is not in the nature of an interpretation, but rather a research project that this office is not prepared to perform for you.