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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE
BUILDING CODE AND FIRE SAFETY CODE

* Sense of Urgency to Add/Amend Gutter Code

DATE SUBMITTED: April 1, 2021
+ previous January 2021 submissions

CODE INFORMATION

Proposed change to: ☒ Building Code ☐ Fire Safety Code

Code section(s):

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PROPOSAL INFORMATION

see Attached Evidence

Description of change and reason for change (attach additional information as needed):

Add Gutter Attachment Standards to Existing Raf Code

Proposed text change, addition or deletion (attach additional information as needed):

Supporting data and documents (attach additional information as needed)

* This Proposal is original material. (Note: Original material is considered to be the submitter's own idea based on or as a result of his/her own experience, thought or research and, to the best of his/her knowledge, is not copied from another source.)

☐ This Comment is not original material, its source (if known) is as follows: (such as material / code development proposal from a prior development cycle or proposal submitted to model code committee etc.)

☐ I would like to make an in-person presentation of my proposal.

* Insurance companies are taking advantage of homeowners by making them pay for gutters after new roof installed

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January 18, 2021

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SUBJECT: Formal Submission of Request for Amendment to the Connecticut Residential Building Code for professional manufacturing standard for home gutter installation (Home Damage Repairs & New Roof-Gutter System situation) First Quarter 2021 Committee Meeting

Dear Darren Hobbs, Deputy State Building Inspector

In the state of Connecticut the climate has been rapidly changing causing more frequent storms with high winds along its coastline and some interior areas. Some Connecticut regions have even experienced tornadoes in 2020 in Branford and Hamden CT. causing extensive damage and impacting hundreds of homes.

Several Objectives to be achieved in a NEW CT Gutter Building Inspector Code include:

1. Provide more safe and secure Gutter Attachment system guidelines to prevent storm damage and flying gutter(Missile-like objects) that would endanger local CT. communities.
2. Provide cost-effective manufacturing guidelines from established roof and gutter professional organizations that could influence the quality of the new CT. gutter code legislation. (Best Gutter practices- 16 inch brackets with screws into roof) Note: Homebuilder are currently using this gutter installation practice and would not cost them further if this gutter building code were implemented.)
3. Involve the CT Home Builders Association and the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety as well as others who can provide meaningful gutter installation best practice standards.
4. Prevent Connecticut Insurance companies avoiding payment and services for new gutter installation from storm damage that required new roofing systems. New Gutter installations should be part of the residential building standard codes which would allow for Insurance funds for residence with gutter damage.

Submitted Evidence of New Connecticut Gutter Code Need:

In August of 2020 Juliana Ellis(home owner Milford, CT) had storm damage to her roof and gutters as well as contacted her insurance company(Travellers in Hartford, CT). They assessed the damage and agreed to replace her roof but not the damaged gutters. The spiked gutters had pulled the gutters out from the roof due to the wind force that also damaged the roof.

DiGiorgi Roofing in CT(Licensed 526048) was hired by Juliana Ellis to assess the roof damages and repair the roof and gutters. Photos were submitted to document to Travelers Insurance representatives about the condition of the gutters and they refused to replace the gutters stating that the CT Building code did not have any Residential code that specified gutter replacement.

The Milford, CT Building Inspector(Lou Reazoly) reviewed the gutter images and agreed the gutter replacements were needed. They also confirmed attaching old spiked gutters would not address best manufacturing building practices in Connecticut. The high winds in the area would just cause the same damage and danger problems to the home and community.

Please consider a gutter building code at the CT State Building Inspectors meeting this first quarter in 2021 so it can be reviewed and approved for 2021 implementation.

[Building and Fire Code Adoption Process \(ct.gov\)](#)

Professional Building Organization to support the addition of a Roof Gutter Code addition:

Connecticut Home Builders Association- President:391 Meadow St. Fairfield CT 06824
phone 203-335-7008

Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety

[IBHS.org](#) – Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety

Rob Lowe, CEO Englert Corporation (800-364-5378)- Leading Roofing and Gutter manufacturer in Wallingford, CT- Implements Best Practices with Roofing & Gutters

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(He stated Builders in CT already use the gutter building practices with 16 inch brackets with screws- no added costs to the builder would be anticipated with a new gutter amendment that represents current manufacturing best practices.)

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration! We look forward to achieving the new Gutter code together through professional cooperation. This new Gutter code will make CT safer and more secure from the continued high wind storms.

With Great Appreciation,

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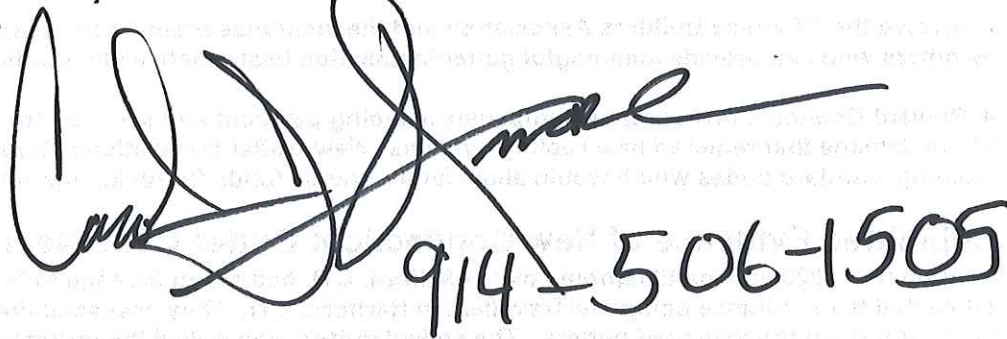
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April 1, 2021

~~Carol Amore~~
I took forward to Building Code
Teaming how your Building Code
Committee can add Amend
gutter installation standards.
I will not add costs to builders.
It will make Insurance Companies
more responsible to homeowners
facing insured damage repairs!

Special Thanks

~~Carol Amore~~