

## **STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-16-09**

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The following is being offered in response to your letter in which you seek a formal interpretation. The question applies to residential awnings addressed in Section R105.2 item 8, of the 2003 International Residential Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code.

### Scenario:

Section R105.2(8), of the 2003 International Residential Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code, requires a building permit for window awnings that are supported by the structure and project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall. This noted code does not provide any specific guidance for snow, wind and drainage for such awnings. General requirements for buildings and structures are addressed. The 2003 International Building Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code provides detailed requirements for snow, wind and drainage for awnings.

### Question:

Can the Building Official utilize the 2003 International Building Code provisions for awnings requirements due to the 2003 International Residential Code being silent on awnings code requirements for snow, wind and drainage?

### Answer:

The Building Official can only utilize the building code provisions that the building permit applicant requests on their application. The 2003 International Residential Code is applicable for buildings as specified in the scoping provisions of Section 101.2 of such code. The 2003 International Building Code requirements are applicable for buildings as noted in the scoping provisions of Section 101.2 of such code. A permit applicant has the option to request a Building Code Modification to utilize the 2003 International Building Code provisions for awnings when a building permit is issued utilizing the 2003 International Residential Code.