

## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-58-00

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The following is offered in response to your letter to me dated August 28, 2000 in which you seek official interpretations of the provisions of the State Building Code.

**Question 1:** "Is the "State Building Code" mentioned in CGS 29-252(a) the same "State Building Code" described in RCSA 29-252-1b and RCSA 29-252-1c?"

**Answer 1:** Yes.

**Question 2:** "What documents does a municipal building official administer other than the "State Building Code"?"

**Answer 2:** When performing the duties of municipal building official, the building official administers the State Building Code, all referenced standards, and all related laws and regulations. A complete listing of such related laws and regulations is not interpretive, but rather a research project. Keep in mind that many municipal building officials are also appointed zoning enforcement officers or wetlands enforcement officers, or assigned a number of other duties by the appointing authority. While working in these additional capacities, they are responsible for the administration of various additional documents not related to their duties as building official.

**Question 3:** "Is CGS 29-393 part of the "State Building Code"? If not, why not?"

**Answer 3:** Section 29-393, C.G.S. is referenced by section 113.4 of the 1999 State Building Code, reproduced below:

(Amd) **113.4 Right of entry:** In accordance with the provisions of section 29- 261, C.G.S., the building official or his assistant shall have the right of entry to buildings or structures, except single-family residences, for the proper performance of his duties between the hours of nine a.m. and five p.m., except that in the case of an emergency, he shall have the right of entry at any time, if such entry is necessary in the interest of public safety. On receipt of information from the local fire marshal or from any other authentic source that any building in his jurisdiction, due to lack of exit facilities, fire, deterioration, catastrophe or other cause, is in such condition as to be a hazard to any person or persons, the building official or his assistant shall immediately make inspection in accordance with the provisions of section 29-393, C.G.S.

**Question 4:** "Is CGS 29-251 part of the "State Building Code"? If not, why not?"

**Answer 4:** Section 29-251, C.G.S. is not part of the 1999 State Building Code. I do not know the reason it is not included but surmise that it is because it deals with the membership and duties of the Codes and Standards Committee and that the writers of the Connecticut Supplement did not feel it needed inclusion in the code.