



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_

CODE INFORMATION

Proposed change to:  Building Code  Fire Safety Code

Code section(s): \_\_\_\_\_

PROPONENT INFORMATION

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PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Description of change and reason for change (attach additional information as needed):  
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Proposed text change, addition or deletion (attach additional information as needed):  
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Supporting data and documents (attach additional information as needed)  
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**Re: Section 1019.3 Occupancies other than Groups I-2 and I-3.**

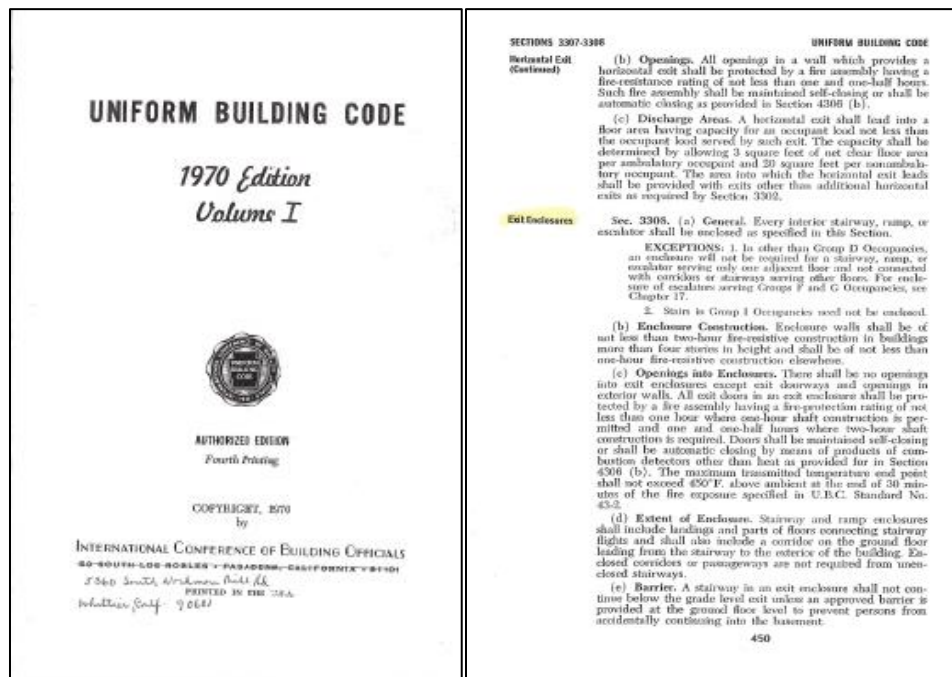
Since the first edition of the IBC and IFC in 2000, these documents have permitted the use of unenclosed exit access stairways and ramps as compliant means of egress. Noting that the I-Codes were a blend of the requirements within the three legacy codes (Uniform, Southern, & BOCA), and although the BOCA National Building Code did not permit use of the open stair, permission to do so was included in the I-Codes based on the long-standing permission within the ICBO Uniform Building Code.

See attached extracted text from the 1970 edition of the Uniform Building Code:

Exit Enclosures

Sec. 3308. (a) General. Every interior stairway, ramp, or escalator shall be enclosed as specified in this Section.

- EXCEPTIONS: 1. In other than Group D Occupancies, an enclosure will not be required for a stairway, ramp, or escalator serving only one adjacent floor and not connected with corridors or stairways serving other floors. For enclosure of escalators serving Groups F and G Occupancies, see Chapter 17.
2. Stairs in Group I Occupancies need not be enclosed.



It should also be noted that use of the Uniform Building Code although limited to the Western United States, it was the building code adopted by the Department of Defense for use on a worldwide basis.

## **Versteeg Associates, LLC - Code Change Justification**

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In closing, the use on an unenclosed exit access stairway or ramp has never been documented to be a safety hazard. In fact, that although Connecticut has limited its use to stories having an occupant load of 10 or less, Connecticut has also permitted a mezzanine without limitation on size or restriction on occupant load to have one or more unenclosed exit stairs or ramps.