AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Please provide all of the following items in your amendment proposal.

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**Proposal:**

Revise as follows:

**R310.2.2 Window sill height.** Where a window is provided as the emergency escape and rescue opening, it shall have a clear opening sill height of not more than 44 inches (118 mm) above the floor: where the sill height is below grade, it shall be provided with a window well in accordance with Section R310.2.3.

**Supporting Information:**

Specific to Denver: Denver is experiencing a growth in newly finished habitable basement conversions with bedrooms which often require additions of emergency escape windows and window wells.

**Purpose:** To provide safe and code compliant environments for finished basements.

**Reasons:** A large number of noncompliant submissions have been reviewed with the proposed clear opening of the escape window above 44” due to faulty interpretation of the code’s reference to ‘sill height’ not meaning base of window sill frame rather than clear space above the sill per the intent reflecting in the model building code commentary.

**Substantiation:** The clarifying language may reduce the number of resubmittals saving time and money.

**Referenced Standards:**

2018 IRC Code and Commentary

List any new referenced standards that are proposed to be referenced in the code.
**Impact:**
The proposal will provide a consistently complaint home alteration for safety.

*Note:* The proponent shall indicate one of the following regarding the impact of the amendment proposal:

- The effect of the amendment proposal on the cost of construction; Increase, Reduce, No Effect:
- The effect of the amendment proposal on the cost of design; Increase, Reduce, No Effect:
- Is the amendment proposal more- or less-restrictive than the I-Codes; More, Less, Same:

**Departmental Impact:**
The proposal should not add to reviews documentation currently required.

*Note:* Indicate one of the following regarding the impact of the amendment proposal:

- The effect of the amendment proposal on the cost of review; Increase, Reduce, No Effect:
- The effect of the amendment proposal on the cost of enforcement/inspection; Increase, Reduce, No Effect:

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