DENVER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM
FOR CPD INTERNAL PROPOSALS TO THE 2016 DENVER BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS AND THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL CODES

2018 CODE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

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2) Proposals should be drafted in Word with the only formatting that is needed being BOLDING, STRIKEOUT AND UNDERLINING. Please do not provide additional formatting such as tabs, columns, etc.

Please use a separate form for each proposal submitted.

Is separate graphic file provided? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Acronym | Code Name | Acronym | Code Name
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DBC-xxx | Denver Building Code–xxx code base | IMC | International Mechanical Code

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

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

**Code Sections/Tables/Figures Proposed for Revision:**
2018 DBC – IBC Section 305 and 308.6.5

**Note:** If the proposal is for a new section, indicate (new).

**Proposal:**
Delete without substitution.

**SECTION 305**
**EDUCATIONAL GROUP E**

Section 305.2.1 Conversion of existing buildings to small day care centers is added:

305.2.1 Conversion of existing buildings to small day care centers. An existing building may be converted to a small day care center without complying with all the requirements for a change of use under Chapter 10 of the IEBC, provided the following provisions are met:

- Drawings and specifications need not bear the seal of an architect or engineer. However, after review of the drawings and specifications, the Agency may require that the drawings and specifications bear the seal of an architect and engineer who will be responsible for the design phases of the conversion.

- Any building additions or new facilities installed or erected, as part of the conversion shall comply with current Building Code provisions.

- The number of occupants, excluding staff, shall not exceed 20.

- The small day care center shall be permitted on the first story only.
Exceptions:

1. Basements having floor levels located within 4 feet (1219 mm), measured vertically, from adjacent ground level at the level of exit discharge, provided the basement has exterior exit doors at that level.

2. Any floor level with an exterior door leading directly to the outside where the floor level is within:
   a. Two feet vertically of directly surrounding grade shall be allowed for children 2 ½ years or younger.
   b. Five feet vertically of directly surrounding grade shall be allowed for children more than 2 ½ and less than 5 years of age.
   c. Eight feet vertically of directly surrounding grade shall be allowed for children over 5 years of age and ambulatory adults.

3. Egress from the floor level to grade shall be by stairs or ramps.

4. A floor level occupied for day care activities shall have 2 exits. Two exits may include one exit directly to grade or as provided in item #3 above with a second exit as an interior stair or ramp. Egress through a window shall not be accepted as an exit.

5. There shall be no dead-end corridors.

6. Gas-fired heating appliances must comply with the International Mechanical Code.

7. Existing partitions, walls and ceilings may be approved if the existing surface is of a fire resistive material consisting of lath and plaster or gypsum board of at least ½ inch thickness.

8. IFCA Section 907.2.3 shall apply to all conversions. Residential type multiple single station smoke detectors may be installed with field inspector approval. System type smoke detectors require drawings signed and sealed by an electrical engineer.

9. The design and layout shall be in compliance with the requirements of other City and State agencies. When a conflict occurs between regulations of different agencies, the most restrictive shall govern.

SECTION 308

INSTITUTIONAL GROUP I

Section 308.6.5 Conversion of existing buildings to small day care centers is added:

308.6.5 Conversion of existing buildings to small day care centers. See Section 305.2.4.

Note: Show the proposal using strikethrough, underline format. At the beginning of each section, one of the following instruction lines are also needed:

• Revise as follows
• Add new text as follows
• Delete and substitute as follows
• Delete without substitution

Supporting Information:

Purpose: Delete the provisions located in DBC/IBC Section 305 – they are relocated with revisions as described below.

Reasons: The current proposal referencing: IRC Sections R101.2, R202, R313.3, R315.2.3, IBC 308.5.5, Denver Fire Code amendment 915.7.4 by Keith Peetz captures and revises the language of this section for the occupancy and uses described therein – as such it is no longer needed here.

Note: The following items are required to be included:

Purpose: The proponent shall clearly state the purpose of the proposed amendment to physical, environmental and customary characteristics that are specific to the City and County of Denver (e.g., clarify the Code; revise outdated material; substitute new or revised material for physical, environmental and customary characteristics; add new requirements to the Code; delete current requirements, etc.)

Reasons: The proponent shall justify changing the current Code provisions, stating why the proposal is necessary to reflect physical, environmental and customary characteristics that are specific to the City and County of Denver. Proposals that add or delete requirements
shall be supported by a logical explanation which clearly shows why the current does not reflect physical, environmental and customary characteristics that are specific to the City and County of Denver and explains how such proposals will improve the Code.

**Substantiation:** The proponent shall substantiate the proposed amendment based on technical information and substantiation. Substantiation provided which is reviewed and determined as not germane to the technical issues addressed in the proposed amendment shall be identified as such.

**Bibliography** (as needed): The proponent shall submit a bibliography when substantiating material is associated with the amendment proposal. The proponent shall make the substantiating materials available for review.

### Referenced Standards:
List any new referenced standards that are proposed to be referenced in the code.

### Impact:

**Note:** The proponent shall discuss the impact of the proposed amendment and indicate one of the following for each point below regarding 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:**
This reference will be very helpful to Plan reviewers by cross-referencing critical provisions of Chapter 14 of the IBC.

**Note:** The proponent shall discuss the impact of the proposed amendment and indicate one of the following for each point below regarding 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