AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

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

**Code Sections/Tables/Figures Proposed for Revision:**

**IPC 1003.3.2 Food waste disposers restriction**

**Proposal:**

Delete without substitution

**1003.3.2 Food waste disposers restriction.** A food waste disposer shall not discharge to a grease interceptor.

**Supporting Information:**

The current Denver amendments add a new section 413.3.1 that requires food waste disposers to drain to grease interceptors, yet this is contrary to this new section in the 2018 IPC that prohibits such drainage. It is understood by the proponent that this current amendment is derived from the Denver Public Works department and may have a significance that is unique to Denver’s wastewater treatment system and methods. There are two proposals for this subject. Option one modifies the Denver amendments to fit the IPC and Option 2 (this one) modifies the IPC to fit the current Denver amendments.

The explanation published by ICC for prohibiting food waste draining into grease interceptors is as follows:

“The significant amount of food waste discharged to the grease interceptor results in conditions that are ideal for biological activity to occur within the interceptor. This activity creates gases that can interfere with the grease separation process, making the interceptor less effective. Grease interceptors are not designed or intended to be septic tanks.”

The current Denver amendment 413.3.1 is provided below:

**413.3.1 Discharge into grease interceptor.** All food waste disposals in commercial kitchens shall be connected to and discharge into the grease interceptor.

**Exception:**

Vegetable preparation area disposal may discharge to either sanitary or grease waste system.

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**Referenced Standards:**

List any new referenced standards that are proposed to be referenced in the code.

**Impact:**

The proponent is uncertain of the cost affects of this proposal in regard to the original installation, the sizing of the grease interceptor, the maintenance of the interceptor, and the affects to the municipal sewage treatment operations.

**Departmental Impact:**

*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: