

**TITLE 748. OKLAHOMA UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION
CHAPTER 20. ADOPTED CODES**

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Subchapter 1. IBC® 2015

748:20-1-1. Adoption of International Building Code®, 2015 Edition (IBC® 2015) [AMENDED]

748:20-1-9. IBC® 2015 Chapter 4 Special Detailed Requirements Based on Use and Occupancy [AMENDED]

748:20-1-18. IBC® 2015 Chapter 35 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. IFC® 2015

748:20-3-1. Adoption of International Fire Code®, 2015 Edition (IFC® 2015) [AMENDED]

748:20-3-7. IFC® 2015 Chapter 2 Definitions [AMENDED]

748:20-3-13.1. IFC® 2015 Chapter 57 Flammable and Combustible Liquids [RENUMBERED TO 748:20-3-13.4.]

748:20-3-13.2. IFC® 2015 Chapter 23 Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages [NEW]

748:20-3-13.3. IFC® 2015 Chapter 55 Cryogenic Fluids [NEW]

748:20-3-13.4. IFC® 2015 Chapter 57 Flammable and Combustible Liquids [NEW]

748:20-3-13.5. IFC® 2015 Chapter 61 Liquid Petroleum Gases [NEW]

748:20-3-14. IFC® 2015 Chapter 80 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. IRC® 2015

748:20-5-3. IRC® 2015 Appendices [AMENDED]

748:20-5-28. Appendix Y, Residential Tornado Provisions [AMENDED]

Subchapter 7. IEBC® 2015

748:20-7-1. Adoption of International Existing Building Code®, 2015 Edition (IEBC® 2015) [AMENDED]

748:20-7-9. IEBC® 2015 Chapter 16 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 9. NEC® 2014

748:20-9-1. Adoption of National Electrical Code®, 2014 Edition (NEC® 2014) [AMENDED]

748:20-9-7. NEC® 2014 Chapter 5 Special Occupancies [AMENDED]

Subchapter 11. IFGC® 2015

748:20-11-1. Adoption of International Fuel Gas Code®, 2015 Edition (IFGC® 2015) [AMENDED]

748:20-11-6.1. IFGC® 2015 Chapter 2 Definitions [NEW]

748:20-11-8. IFGC® 2015 Chapter 4 Gas Piping Installations [AMENDED]

784:20-11-10. IFGC® 2015 Chapter 8 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 13. IMC® 2015

748:20-13-1. Adoption of International Mechanical Code®, 2015 Edition (IMC® 2015) [AMENDED]

748:20-13-9. IMC® 2015 Chapter 5 Exhaust Systems [AMENDED]

748:20-13-11. IMC® 2015 Chapter 15 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 15. IPC® 2015

748:20-15-1. Adoption of International Plumbing Code®, 2015 Edition (IPC® 2015) [AMENDED]

748:20-15-8. IPC® 2015 Chapter 3 General Regulations [AMENDED]

Before the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (the "OUBCC")

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1. **DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of these permanent rules is to continue implementation of 59 O.S. §§1000.20 - 1000.29 (the "Act") originally enacted by SB1182, effective June 2, 2009, creating the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission. These permanent rules modify adopted provisions for the Alternative Fuel Industry in Oklahoma, update edition year of the International Residential Code® from the 2009 edition to the 2015 edition, provide language for copyright notifications and clean up certain errata corrections.
2. **CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED:** These permanent rules govern construction, electrical, fuel gas, mechanical, plumbing, alternative fuel, and fire contractors with regard to commercial construction of alternative fuel fueling stations and repair garages, and construction, electrical, fuel gas, mechanical, and plumbing contractors with regard to residential construction in the State of Oklahoma. These rules also affect State agencies, municipalities and other political subdivisions which administer or enforce building and construction codes in the State of Oklahoma.
3. **CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:** Every person, citizen and non-citizen alike, in Oklahoma who uses or works in a newly constructed or altered fueling station to include alternative fuels or repair garage wherein work has been performed pursuant to codes of the Oklahoma modified and adopted IBC® 2015, IFC® 2015, IFGC® 2015, IMC® 2015 and NEC® 2014; along with corrections to the previously adopted IEBC® 2015, IPC® 2015 and IRC® 2015, will benefit by these permanent rules insofar as these rules set forth statewide minimum codes for commercial and residential building construction deemed necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens. In so far as these permanent rules provide for modern and uniform codes of commercial and residential construction to be applied by construction, electrical, fuel gas, mechanical, plumbing, alternative fuel, and fire contractors these rules will benefit every person in Oklahoma, citizen and non-citizen alike.
4. **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The economic impact of the permanent rules proposed in Title 748, Chapter 20 is expected to be minimal in that the only persons directly affected will be construction, electrical, fuel gas, mechanical, plumbing and alternative fuel contractors, fire contractors, land and building owners, and State and local code administration and enforcement authorities who are, for the most part, already conducting business subject to some form of applicable building code or recognized construction standard.
5. **COSTS AND BENEFITS TO THE AGENCY:** The proposed permanent rules provide no adverse cost and no negative effect to the OUBCC.
6. **ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:** The permanent rules proposed in Title 748, Chapter 20 will not have an economic impact on any political subdivision in the State of

Oklahoma which is greater than any economic impact placed on such entities by the Act itself.

7. **ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS:** The proposed permanent rules are reasonably not expected to have a significant economic impact on small businesses. Any changes of small business practices, particularly commercial and residential construction, electrical, fuel gas, mechanical, plumbing, and alternative fuel contractors and fire contractors, which arise as a result of the adoption of the modifications to the adopted IBC® 2015, IEBC® 2015, IFC® 2015, IFGC® 2015, IMC® 2015, IPC® 2015, IRC® 2015 and NEC® 2014 as modified by the OUBCC and mandated by these proposed permanent rules, are expected to be nominal.
8. **MEASURES TAKEN TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS:** The permanent rules proposed in Title 748, Chapter 20 are not expected to have any provisions which impose upon any person or entity a known cost of compliance and, therefore, there is no less costly or non-regulatory method for achieving the purpose of the proposed rules.
9. **EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULES ON PUBLIC HEALTH:** The modifications to the adopted IBC® 2015, IEBC® 2015, IFC® 2015, IFGC® 2015, IMC® 2015, IPC® 2015, IRC® 2015 and NEC® 2014 as modified by the OUBCC create a positive effect on the public health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens and non-citizens by implementing modern and uniform commercial and residential construction codes as the statewide minimum code for commercial residential construction in the State of Oklahoma.
10. **DETRIMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT ADOPTED:** If the proposed permanent rules set forth in Title 748 Chapter 20 are not adopted, the OUBCC will not be able to modernize and update its statewide building codes in compliance with the requirements of the Act, and modern and uniform statewide building codes for residential construction will not apply to the detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens.
11. **This rule impact statement was prepared on November 22, 2016.**