

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

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Subchapter 5. IRC® 2015**

748:20-5-19. IRC® 2015 Chapter 29 Water Supply and Distribution [AMENDED]

748:20-5-24.1 IRC® 2015 Chapter 44 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

**Before the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (the "OUBCC")  
October 20, 2020**

**DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of these proposed amended permanent rules, is to continue implementation of 59 O.S. §1000.20 - 1000.29 (the "Act"), creating the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission. These proposed permanent rules amend the adoption the 2015 edition of the International Residential Code® (IRC®), for residential construction for one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses in the State of Oklahoma.

**CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED:**

These proposed amended permanent rules govern residential construction contractors with regard to residential construction in the State of Oklahoma. These proposed amended permanent rules also affect State agencies, municipalities and other political subdivisions which administer or enforce building and construction codes in the State of Oklahoma.

**CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:**

Every person in Oklahoma who enters or works in a newly constructed or altered building wherein work has been performed pursuant to the codes of Oklahoma modified and adopted IRC® 2015, will benefit by these proposed amended permanent rules insofar as these rules set forth statewide minimum codes for residential building construction deemed necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens. In so far as these proposed amended permanent rules provide for modern and uniform codes for residential building construction to be applied by residential contractors these rules will benefit every person in Oklahoma, citizen and resident alike.

**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 residential 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.

**COSTS AND BENEFITS TO THE AGENCY:**

The proposed amended permanent rules provide no adverse cost and no negative effect to the OUBCC.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:**

The proposed amended permanent rules in Title 748, Chapter 20, Subchapter 5 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.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS:**

The proposed amended permanent rules are reasonably not expected to have a significant economic impact on small businesses. Any changes of small business practices, particularly residential construction, which arise as a result of the adoption of the IRC® 2015, as modified by the OUBCC and mandated by these proposed permanent rules will be nominal.

**MEASURES TAKEN TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS:**

The permanent rules proposed in Title 748, Chapter 20, Subchapter 5 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.

**EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULES ON PUBLIC HEALTH:**

The modifications to the adoption of the IRC® 2015, as modified by the OUBCC creates a positive effect on the public health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens by implementing modern and uniform residential construction codes as the statewide minimum standards for residential construction in the State of Oklahoma.

**DETRIMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT ADOPTED:**

If the proposed amended permanent rules set forth in Title 748 Chapter 20, Subchapter 5 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 building construction will not apply to the detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens.

**This rule impact statement was prepared on September 3, 2020**