

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

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Subchapter 11. IFGC® 2015

748:20-11-1. Adoption of International Fuel Gas Code® 2015 Edition (IFGC® 2015) [AMENDED AND RENUMBERED TO 748:20-12-1]

748:20-11-2. Effect of Adoption [AMENDED AND RENUMBERED TO 748:20-12-2]

748:20-11-3. IFGC® 2015 Appendices [AMENDED AND RENUMBERED TO 748:20-12-3]

748:20-11-4. IFGC® 2015 Provisions Adopted and Modified [AMENDED AND RENUMBERED TO 748:20-12-4]

748:20-11-5. Participation in Federal Programs and/or Federally Funded or Financed Projects [AMENDED AND RENUMBERED TO 748:20-12-5]

748:20-11-6. IFGC® 2015 Chapter 1 Scope and Administration [AMENDED AND RENUMBERED TO 748:20-12-6]

748:20-11-6.1. IFGC® 2015 Chapter 2 Definitions [AMENDED AND RENUMBERED TO 748:20-12-7]

748:20-11-7. IFGC® 2015 Chapter 3 General Regulations [AMENDED AND RENUMBERED TO 748:20-12-8]

748:20-11-8. IFGC® 2015 Chapter 4 Gas Piping Installations [AMENDED AND RENUMBERED TO 748:20-12-9]

748:20-11-10. IFGC® 2015 Chapter 8 Referenced Standards [AMENDED AND RENUMBERED TO 748:20-12-13]

Subchapter 12. IFGC® 2018 [NEW]

748:20-12-1. Adoption of the International Fuel Gas Code®, 2018 Edition (IFGC® 2018) [NEW]

748:20-12-2. Effect of Adoption [NEW]

748:20-12-3. IFGC® 2018 Appendices [NEW]

748:20-12-4. IFGC® 2018 Provision Adopted and Modified [NEW]

748:20-12-5. Participation in Federal Programs and/or Federally Funded or Financed Projects [NEW]

748:20-12-6. IFGC® 2018 Chapter 1 Scope and Administration [NEW]

748:20-12-7. IFGC® 2018 Chapter 2 Definitions [NEW]

748:20-12-8. IFGC® 2018 Chapter 3 General Regulations [NEW]

748:20-12-9. IFGC® 2018 Chapter 4 Piping Installations [NEW]

748:20-12-10. IFGC® Chapter 5 [RESERVED]

748:20-12-11. IFGC® Chapter 6 [RESERVED]

748:20-12-12. IFGC® Chapter 7 [RESERVED]

748:20-12-13. IFGC® 2018 Chapter 8 Referenced Standards [NEW]

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DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new 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 and renumber or add new modifications the adoption the International Fuel Gas Code® (IFGC®), and change the edition year

from 2015 to 2018, as the statewide minimum code for commercial fuel gas construction, as modified by the OUBCC for implementation in the State of Oklahoma.

CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED:

These proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new permanent rules govern construction contractors with regard to commercial fuel gas construction. These proposed 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 utilizes a newly constructed or altered building wherein work has been performed pursuant to the codes of Oklahoma modified and adopted IFGC® 2018, will benefit by these proposed permanent rules insofar as these rules set forth statewide minimum codes for commercial fuel gas construction deemed necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens. In so far as these proposed permanent rules provide for modern and uniform codes of commercial fuel gas construction to be applied by fuel gas construction contractors these rules will benefit every person in Oklahoma, citizen and resident alike.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The economic impact of the proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules in Title 748, Chapter 20 is expected to be minimal in that the only persons directly affected will be fuel gas construction 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 and proposed new rules provide no adverse cost and no negative effect to the OUBCC.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

The proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules in Title 748, Chapter 20, Subchapters 11 and 12 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 and proposed new rules are reasonably not expected to have a significant economic impact on small businesses. Any changes of small business practices, particularly commercial fuel gas construction, which arise as a result of the adoption of the IFGC® 2018, as modified by the OUBCC and mandated by these proposed permanent rules will be nominal.

MEASURES TAKEN TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS:

The proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules in Title 748, Chapter 20, Subchapters 11 and 12 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 IFGC® 2018, as modified by the OUBCC creates a positive effect on the public health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens by implementing modern and

uniform commercial fuel gas construction codes as the statewide minimum standards for commercial fuel gas construction in the State of Oklahoma.

DETRIMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT ADOPTED:

If the proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules set forth in Title 748 Chapter 20, Subchapters 11 and 12 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 commercial fuel gas building construction will not apply to the detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens.

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