



Code Outreach Program – Notable Changes Made by the 2017 UCS

The [2017 Uniform Code Supplement](#) (2017 UCS) replaced the 2016 Uniform Code Supplement (2016 UCS) as of October 31, 2017. The Division of Building Standards and Codes has prepared a document showing the changes that have been made to the 2016 UCS by the 2017 UCS. This document, which can be obtained by clicking [here](#), is for informational purposes only. Below are a few of the more noteworthy changes.

Chapter 1 of the 2015 International Code Council Code Books (2015 I-Codes)

The 2017 UCS includes new language to clarify that Chapter 1 in each of the incorporated 2015 I-Codes was completely replaced by Chapter 1 of the 2017 UCS. Chapter 1 in the I-Codes is not part of the Uniform Code and should not be used.

2017 UCS, Chapter 1, Section 108

Code Enforcement Programs

Governmental units and state agencies (AHJ) responsible for administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code must establish a code enforcement program that includes the minimum features described in [19 NYCRR Part 1203](#). These minimum features are mirrored in the new Section 108, and are referred to as a “*Part 1203-Compliant Code Enforcement Program*” (Part 1203-CCEP). Under Section 108, regulated parties (e.g., building owners) who construct or renovate a building, change the use or occupancy of a building, or engage in any other activity subject to the requirements of a Part 1203-CCEP will be required to comply with the stricter of the AHJ’s actual code enforcement program or a Part 1203-CCEP. Section 108 also allows AHJ to be able to impose the penalties prescribed in Executive Law § 382 if a person or entity fails to comply with the AHJ’s actual code enforcement program or a Part 1203-CCEP. These new code provision ensures that AHJ will have the minimum tools to enforce the Uniform Code, including penalties for violations, in the event that the AHJ’s actual code enforcement program does not have all of the features required by 19 NYCRR Part 1203.

Inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles

2015 International Property Maintenance Code (2015 IPMC)

Section 302.8 of the incorporated 2015 IPMC prohibited any inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle from being parked, kept or stored on any premises, except as provided for in other regulations. The 2017 UCS amended this requirement by prohibiting two or more inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles, except as provided for in statute, local law, ordinance or other regulations.

Water reducing plumbing fixtures

2015 International Residential Code (2015 IRC) & 2015 International Plumbing Code (2015 IPC)

The 2017 UCS reduced the maximum flow rates of certain fixtures found in Table P2903.2 of the 2015 IRC and Table 604.4 of the 2015 IPC. Fixtures affected include: lavatory faucets, shower heads, water closets, private lavatories, and urinals.

As a reminder, maple syrup season is just a few short months away. Code users may want to brush up on [19 NYCRR Part 1228 Sugarhouse Alternative Activity Provisions](#).

Please look for our next edition of the Code Outreach Program at the beginning of next month.

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