

AWC Top Voting Recommendations for cdpACCESS

The International Code Council (ICC) Public Comments Hearing (PCH) for development of the 2027 I-Codes concluded on Thursday, April 23, following five days of hearings in Hartford, Connecticut. In the next few weeks, ICC Validated Voters will have the opportunity to vote on several changes through the ICC Online Governmental Consensus Voting (OGCV) process. The OGCV is extremely important in ensuring your voice as a fire or building official is heard. For all items provided herein, AWC’s recommendations are in support of the PCH actions.

Change Number	AWC Recommends	Reason for AWC Recommendation
G1-24 Part VIII	AMPC1	Approval as Modified by Public Comment 1 (AMPC1) corrects an error in the original proposal by re-instating the exception for small accessory structures (not exceeding 120 square feet) at least 50 feet away from buildings containing habitable spaces. Without revisions in accordance with AMPC1, small accessory structures more than 50 feet away from buildings will be within the scope of the IWUIC and subject to its requirements.
WUIC54-24	D	Disapproval (D) is recommended due to significant technical flaws and lack of coordination with other already approved WUIC proposals for WUI Class 1 appearing on the consent agenda. WUIC54 was part of a coordinated package of three proposals, and the other two (WUIC53 and WUIC55) were disapproved three times and will not appear on the OGCV.
G115-25	AMPC1	Approval as Modified by Public Comment 1 (AMPC1) clarifies that the height increase applies for buildings that are slab on grade. It also clarifies that the height increase applies for buildings where any basement stories are separated by a three-hour assembly from the story above grade plane.
S153-25	AMPC3	Approval as Modified by Public Comment 3 (AMPC3) provides criteria for the structural use of salvage sawn lumber including requirements for identification of species and grade using methods consistent with requirements already used in the IBC for sawn lumber. This modified language requires salvage sawn lumber to be free of areas of decay or damage exceeding limitations of the assigned grade and is consistent with language in AMPC2 on RB167-25.
S163-25	AMPC1	Approval as Modified by Public Comment 1 (AMPC1) adds reference to the <i>ANSI/AWC Fire Design Specification for Wood Construction (FDS)</i> that is narrowly scoped to allow FDS provisions for determining sizes of heavy timber members.
S173-25	AMPC1	Approval as Modified by Public Comment 1 (AMPC1) clarifies requirements and adds options for bracing wood-frame wall top and bottom plates for out-of-plane loads.
RB85-25	AMPC1	Approval as Modified by Public Comment 1 (AMPC1) provides an exception to field treatment of holes and cuts in preservative treated wood when not required per manufacturer's installation instructions. The AMPC1 language

		can remove an unnecessary step where the exception applies and also coordinates with RB84-25 on the consent agenda.
RB167-25	AMPC2	Approval as Modified by Public Comment 2 (AMPC2) provides criteria for the structural use of salvage sawn lumber including requirements for identification of species and grade using methods consistent with requirements already used in the IRC for sawn lumber. This modified language requires salvage sawn lumber to be free of areas of decay or damage exceeding limitations of the assigned grade and is consistent with language in AMPC3 on S153-25.
RB171-25	AMPC1	Approval as Modified by Public Comment 1 (AMPC1) clarifies a distance requirement between holes and notches from other holes and notches in sawn lumber floor joists and studs, removing inconsistencies in existing code language.