

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Uniform Construction Code Council**

Uniform Construction Code
(LAC 17:I.103 and 107)

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Fire Marshal, Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council, hereafter referred to as the “LSUCCC” or the “Council”, has exercised the emergency provision in accordance with R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, to amend LAC 17:I.Chapter 1 in the state Uniform Construction Code as authorized by R.S.40:1730.28. Furthermore, the LSUCCC has found an immediate need to adopt amendments of the current Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code, 2021 International Residential Code Section N1103.3.7, 2021 International Energy Conservation Code, Sections C301.1, C301.2, C405.11, C405.11.1, R402.4.1.2 and R403.3.7. These changes are a direct result for the need to provide specialized systems and protocols due to Louisiana’s unique hot humid climate. This amendment will serve to better protect the public and to follow national guidelines for occupants to live and work in environmentally safe clean work and live areas. The LSUCCC is promulgating this Rule amendment to provide greater health and safety for the public and for those living and working in conditioned spaces. This rule was first adopted and published in the June 20, 2023 edition of the Louisiana Register (Vol. 49, No. 3). The rule became effective on July 1, 2023. This Emergency Rule is being promulgated to continue those provisions. By the signature of the agency head, Chief Daniel H. Wallis, it was adopted and became effective on June 30, 2023. It shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act (180 days) or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever

occurs first. The public welfare dictates that these changes be implemented immediately through the adoption of the Emergency Rule to promote greater access to safer environments and to insure safety to existing facilities undergoing renovations and for new proposed facilities.

Title 17

CONSTRUCTION

Part I. Uniform Construction Code

Chapter 1. Adoption of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code

(Formerly LAC 55:VI.Chapter 3)

§101. Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code (Formerly LAC 55:VI.301.A)

A. In accordance with the requirements set forth in R.S.40:1730.28, effective February 1, 2018 the following is hereby adopted as an amendment to the *Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code*.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S.40:1730.22(C) and (D) and 40:1730.26(1).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, State Uniform Construction Code Council, LR 33:291 (February 2007), amended LR 34:93 (January 2008), LR 34:883 (May 2008), LR 34:2205 (October 2008), LR 35:1904 (September 2009), LR 36:2574 (November 2010), effective January 1, 2011, LR 37:601 (February 2011), LR 37:913 (March 2011), repromulgated LR 37:2187 (July 2011), repromulgated LR 37:2726 (September 2011), LR 37:3065 (October 2011), LR 38:1994 (August 2012), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Uniform Construction Code Council, LR 39:1825 (July 2013), LR 39:2512 (September 2013), LR 40:2609 (December 2014), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Fire Marshal, LR 41:2380 (November 2015), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Uniform Construction Code Council, LR 42:1672 (October 2016), LR 44:75 (January 2018), repromulgated LR 45:912 (July 2019), amended LR 49:1136 (June 2023), LR 49:

§107. International Residential Code (Formerly LAC 55:VI.301.A.3.a)

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Repeal	Item (3.)	
Amend	Section N1103.3.7 Building Cavities	Building framing cavities directly adjacent to and within the building thermal envelope shall not be used as ducts or plenums.
Amend	Section N1103.6 Mechanical Ventilation	The buildings complying with Section N1102.4.1 providing mechanical ventilation shall comply with the requirements of Section M1505 or with other approved means of ventilation. Outdoor air intakes and exhausts shall have automatic or gravity dampers that close when the ventilation system is not operating
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Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Fire Marshal, LR 41:2383 (November 2015), amended LR 42:1672 (October 2016), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Uniform Construction Code Council, LR 44:79 (January 2018), amended LR 44:2218 (December 2018), repromulgated LR 45:916 (July 2019), amended LR 45:1789 (December 2019), amended LR 48:2582 (October 2022), LR 49:1142 (June 2023), LR 49:

§117 International Energy Conservation Code (Formerly LAC 55:VI.301.A.7)

A. International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2021 Edition and standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction in this state.

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Amend	Section C301.1 General	All parishes in Louisiana shall be Climate Zone 2A.
Amend	Section C301.2 Warm Humid counties	All parishes in Louisiana shall be Climate Zone 2A warm humid climates.
Amend	Section C402.1.3 Insulation component R-value-based method.	
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Repeal	Section C405.5.3 Gas Lighting	
Repeal	Section C405.11 Automatic receptacle control	
Repeal	Section C405.11.1 Automatic receptacle control	
Adopt	Residential Provisions	
Amend	Section R102.1.1 Above code programs	The code official serving as the authority having jurisdiction for building codes, shall be permitted to deem a national or state energy-efficiency program to exceed the energy efficiency required by this code. Buildings approved in writing by such an energy-efficiency program shall be considered to be in compliance with this code. The requirements identified in Table N1105.2, as applicable, shall be met and the building thermal envelope is greater than or equal to levels of efficiency and solar heat gain coefficients (SHGC) in Tables 402.1.1 and 402.1.3 of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code.
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Repeal	Section R402.4.1.1 Installation.	
Amend	Section R402.4.1.2 Testing	Effective July 1, 2024, blower door testing shall be performed by individuals certified to perform blower door tests by a nationally recognized organization that trains and provides certification exams for the proper procedures to perform such tests. The building or dwelling unit shall be tested for air leakage. The maximum air leakage rate for any building or dwelling unit under any compliance path shall not exceed 7.0 air changes per hour or 0.28 cubic feet per minute (CFM) per square foot [0.0079 m ³ /(s × m ²)] of dwelling unit enclosure area. Testing shall be conducted in accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380, ASTM E779 or ASTM E1827 and reported at a pressure of 0.2 inch w.g. (50 Pascals).-The responsible BCEO shall accept written blower door test reports from these certified individuals to verify the minimum requirements of Section N1102.4.1.2. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. Testing shall be performed at any time after creation of all penetrations of the building thermal envelope have been sealed. Where multiple dwelling units or other occupiable conditioned spaces are contained within one building thermal envelope, each unit shall be considered an individual testing unit, and the building air leakage shall be the weighted average of all testing unit results, weighted by each testing unit's enclosure area. Units shall be tested separately with an unguarded blower door test as follows:
Adopt	Item (1.)	(1).Where buildings have fewer than eight testing units, each testing unit shall be tested.
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Repeal	Item (3.)	
Amend	Section R403.3.7 Building Cavities	Building framing cavities directly adjacent to and within the building thermal envelope shall not be used as ducts or plenums.
Amend	Section R403.6 Mechanical Ventilation	The buildings complying with Section N1102.4.1 providing mechanical ventilation shall comply with the requirements of Section M1505 or with other approved means of ventilation. Outdoor air intakes and exhausts shall have automatic or gravity dampers that close when the ventilation system is not operating.
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