

### **BOMA Advocacy, Codes and Standards**

**May 2015** 

Beginning May 14th, all <u>validated ICC members</u> will be able to vote on floor motions using the <u>cdpACCESS</u> portal. Floor motions that receive a simple majority vote will automatically become a public comment to be considered at the public comment hearings later this year. The online voting will end on May 28<sup>th</sup>. In order to be eligible to vote on the floor motions, you must have become a member of ICC prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

BOMA is requesting all ICC members to consider our position on these 16 code change proposals and to support us by casting your votes online. This guide contains only those proposals that received a request for a floor motion, which BOMA took a position on during the Committee Action Hearing. Click here to enter cdpACCESS.

This guide is set up similar to cdpACCESS where the list includes the proposed code change number, the committee action, the requested floor motion and BOMA's position on the floor motion. Once you have logged in, open the online assembly vote, search for the correlating proposal number in the left hand column (for example EB 1-15) and cast your vote using the ballot box on the right hand side of the screen.

#### Legend:

**E**-Means of Egress **G**- General

**FS**- Fire Safety **EB**- Existing Building

FG-Fuel Gas

Proposal Number	Description of Proposed Change	Committee Action	Requested Floor Motion	BOMA Position
E 43-15	This proposal seeks to clarify that two-way emergency communication devices are only required at those elevators which are included as part of the accessible means of egress.	Disapprove	As Submitted	Support Floor Motion
EB 1-15	This proposal intends to clarify that when using the <i>International Existing Building Code</i> , there are provisions contained in the <i>International Fire Code</i> that designers and building owners need to be aware of that apply to the maintenance, repair or alteration of existing buildings. Without this language reminding users to cross check the requirements of both codes could result in delayed construction and unanticipated costs.	Disapprove	As Submitted	Support Floor Motion



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EB 13-15	This proposal was submitted by BOMA, the American Institute of Architects, the National Multifamily Housing Council and the National Association of Home Builders and is intended to establish the 2009 edition of the A117.1 accessibility standard as the threshold for all existing buildings and structures. Due to the significant changes being proposed in the 2015 edition of the A117.1 accessibility standard regarding, every existing building (that met a previous editions) would be non-compliant with the new required dimension and would result in significant cost to alter corridors and accessible routes to primary areas.	As Submitted	Disapprove	Oppose Floor Motion
EB 20-15	This proposal adds new language that clarifies in both Chapter 4 (Prescriptive Compliance) and Chapter 11(Additions) that the addition must be provided with an accessible means of egress. The problem with the proposal as written is it appears to require the existing accessible means of egress needs to be altered even when the addition can satisfy the requirements for the entire building.	Disapprove	As Submitted	Oppose Floor Motion
EB 33-15	This proposal intends to consolidate all of the existing provisions of the IEBC regarding accessibility into one comprehensive chapter. The current requirements for accessibility are spread throughout the existing building, which often leads to confusion among users and enforcement agencies. Should this code change be successful, it will lead to additional code changes that will attempt to organize the existing building code into a more systematic structure.	As Submitted	Disapprove	Oppose Floor Motion
EB 53-15	This proposal would require anti-scalding protection to be installed on all existing fixtures of a plumbing system, when any repairs to an existing plumbing system is conducted. As written the proposed code change would require the retrofitting of the entire system for even the smallest repair, such as adjusting the temperature of the water heater or replacing a leaking valve.	Disapprove	As Submitted	Oppose Floor Motion



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FG 14-15	This purpose of the code change is to remind users that when altering or renovating an existing buildings, not to negatively impact the supply of combustion air for the proper performance of venting systems. This proposal would require that an inspection of the existing buildings combustible and make up air systems shall not be reduced when there are changes made to improve the buildings thermal envelope.	As Submitted	Disapprove	Support Floor Motion
FG 20-15	This proposal eliminates an unintended consequences that occurred when the code required piping and tubing to be inspected by a third-party testing laboratory and certified. Several parts in the piping system (tees, pipe nipples and flare nuts) are already required to meet various material standards and should not be required to meet additional third party verification.	As Submitted	Disapprove	Oppose Floor Motion
FG 22-15	This proposal reverses the actions taken during the last code cycle which prohibited gas lines from entering the building or structure through a penetration of the foundation wall.	As Submitted	Disapprove	Oppose Floor Motion
FG 26-15	Currently, the code only permits insulated conductors for the purpose of acting as a tracer for underground nonmetallic gas piping. This proposal would allow other products designed specifically for that purpose, to be permitted by the code.	As Submitted	Disapprove	Oppose Floor Motion
FS 16-15	This proposal would require an increase fire resistant rating or additional fire protection of exterior openings, when they are located below an overhangs or cantilevered portion of the building. Currently, the code determines the fire resistant rating of exterior walls based on the distance between the face of the wall and another building, structure or some other point used for measuring the fire separation distance. As written, the proposal would require opening to be limited in size or be provided with additional protective measures even if they are well beyond any potential risk of ignition from or to another structure.	Disapprove	As Submitted	Oppose Floor Motion



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FS 18-15	This proposal intends to add an additional exception that would allow buildings of type VB construction (light frame) to have unlimited unprotected openings, provided that the overhanging roof or floor above is located a minimum of 10 feet from the point used to determine the fire separation distance. As written, this would prohibit most post and beam construction commonly found along the coastlines and other areas needing to be elevated do to flood zones where the buildings must be elevated.	Disapprove	As Submitted	Oppose Floor Motion
G 1-15	Currently, the building code determines the size of the building based on the useable spaces located below exterior walls and rooflines. If approved, this proposal would include the area below any roof or projection greater than 5'-0" to be included in the gross area of the building even when the area below the roof may not be useable or leasable space.	Disapprove	As Submitted	Oppose Floor Motion
G 129-15	This proposed code change would prohibit any portion of a building from crossing over lot lines, disregarding several contractual agreements that have progressed over the past several decades which allow for property owners to sell or lease air rights to other building owners. Property right issues and land use requirements do not belong in the <i>International Building Code</i> and are best resolved at the local level.	Disapprove	As Modified	Oppose Floor Motion
G 195-15	This proposal would require the installation of a text-based and video-based interactive system to be installed in all elevators to assist those who are deaf and/or hard of hearing in the event of an emergency of failure of the elevator. While BOMA agrees with the concept, the problem lies with the language that was approved and modified by the committee.	As Modified	Disapprove	Support Floor Motion
G 200-15	This proposal attempts to editorially clean up and correlate when elevator lobbies or enclosure protection measures are required. The purpose of the code change is to address that mid-rise buildings with Hoistways that are less than 420 feet and that are equipped with automatic sprinkler systems, should not be required to meet the requirements for elevator Hoistway protection. This code change is supported by several years of work and study conducted by the code technology committee.	Disapprove	As Submitted	Support Floor Motion

