POTENTIAL CHANGES TO ONTARIO'S BUILDING CODE (related to More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23):

Phase 3 - FALL 2022 CONSULTATION



This consultation is intended to generate input from building sector stakeholders and the public on potential Building Code changes. Many of these proposed changes were submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by industry stakeholders and the public and do not represent final government policy. Your feedback is important and will be considered before the government makes final decisions on the proposed amendments to the Building Code.

Important Information about this List

The table below lists proposed Building Code changes that are related to More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23. As they support Ontario's priority to increase the supply and mix of housing, these changes may ultimately be made as interim amendments before the next edition of the Building Code is released. In addition to supporting the More Homes Built Faster plan, many of these proposals would also increase harmonization between Ontario's Building Code and the National Construction Codes.

The first column lists each proposal's Code change number. The second column labelled "Code Reference" means the provision of the current Building Code that may be affected by the proposal, if adopted. The third column describes the proposed Code change, and the fourth column contains links to the Code Change Proposal Form associated with each proposal. These Code Change Proposal Forms contain the drafted proposed Building Code provisions as well as other key information such as rationale for the change.

Only the proposals brought forward by the ministry through the consultation process are being considered for inclusion in the next edition of Ontario's Building Code. Though the ministry encourages your feedback on these proposals, please note that any new code change requests made in response to these proposals will not be considered for the next edition.

To submit your feedback on any of these changes, please click here: Feedback Form.

For any materials you would like to attach, please send them with the corresponding Article or Sentence number(s) in the subject field to buildingcode.consultation@ontario.ca.

Code Change Number	Code Reference	Proposed Code Change	Link to the Code Change Proposal Form
B-03-01-03	Division B / 3.1.4.8., 3.2.2.10 and 3.2.3.7	This proposed change harmonizes cladding requirements with the National Building Code for mid-rise wood buildings.	B-03-01-03 Code Change Proposal Form
B-03-01-04	Division B / 3.1.4.9.	This proposed change removes the limitation for combustible piping and harmonizes with the National Building Code for midrise wood buildings.	B-03-01-04 Code Change Proposal Form
B-03-01-09	Division B / 3.1.15.2.	This proposed change provides a relaxation for roof covering classification requirements based on the building height of mid-rise wood and encapsulated mass timber buildings which would harmonize with the National Building Code.	B-03-01-09 Code Change Proposal Form
B-03-02-01	Division B / 3.2.2.43A.(2), 3.2.2.50A.(2) and 3.4.4.1.	This proposed change permits exit stair enclosures in mid-rise wood buildings to be constructed of combustible construction and have the same fire-resistance rating as what is required for the floor assembly.	B-03-02-01 Code Change Proposal Form
B-03-02-02	Division B / 3.2.2.43A.(5)	This proposed change permits a storage garage to be constructed below the 4th storey within a Group C mid-rise wood building.	B-03-02-02 Code Change Proposal Form

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B-03-02-03	Division B / 3.2.2.50A.(4)	This proposed change permits a Group F2 and F3 major occupancy to be constructed below the 3rd storey, and a storage garage to be constructed below the 4th storey, in a Group D mid-rise wood building.	B-03-02-03 Code Change Proposal Form
B-03-02-05	Division B / 3.2.9.1.(7), (8) - New	The proposed change provides an exemption for standpipe installation in combustible 4 storey sprinklered stacked townhouses.	B-03-02-05 Code Change Proposal Form
B-03-02-06	Division B / 3.2.9.1.(9) - New	The proposed change provides an exemption for standpipe installation in noncombustible 4 storey stacked townhouses with not more than 1 dwelling unit above another.	B-03-02-06 Code Change Proposal Form