

ORDINANCE NO. 073, 2017,  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, OF THE CODE  
OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPEALING THE 2012  
*INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (IECC)* AND ADOPTING THE  
*2015 INTERNATIONALENERGY CONSERVATION CODE*, WITH AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, since 1924, the City has reviewed, amended and adopted the latest nationally recognized building standards available for the times; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of City staff, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to align the five interconnected basic construction codes under one publication year; and

WHEREAS, the five interconnected basic construction codes are the *International Building Code*, *International Residential Code*, *International Mechanical Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code*, and *International Energy Conservation Code*; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the 2015 publication year of the five interconnected basic construction codes ought to be adopted and that their counterpart codes previously adopted should be repealed, both in order to align the publication years of the codes and also because the 2015 publications contain improvements in construction code regulation; and

WHEREAS, City staff has conducted a significant public outreach program, working with the regulated construction industry and building professionals; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the five interconnected basic construction codes has been presented to and recommended by the Affordable Housing Board, the Commission on Disability, the Air Quality Advisory Board, the Natural Resources Advisory Board, the Building Review Board, the Electric Board, the Landmark Preservation Commission and the Water Board; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens that the *2012 International Energy Conservation Code*, as adopted and amended by the City pursuant to Ordinance No. 019, 2014, be repealed, and that in its place, the *2015 International Energy Conservation Code* be adopted, with local amendments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Charter II, Section 7, City Council may enact any ordinance which adopts a code by reference in whole or in part provided that before adoption of such ordinance the Council hold a public hearing thereon and that notice of the hearing is published twice in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City, with one of such publications occurring at least eight (8) days preceding the hearing and the other publication occurring at least fifteen (15) days preceding the hearing; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Article II, Section 7, the City Clerk published in the Fort Collins *Coloradoan* such notice of hearing concerning adoption of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code on May 21, 2017, and May 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference is the Notice of Public Hearing dated May 14, 2017, that was so published and which the Council hereby finds meets the requirements of Article II, Section 7 of the City Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That Section 5-26(c) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) Pursuant to the power and authority conferred on the City Council by Section 31-16-202, C.R.S., and Article II, Section 7 of the Charter, the City Council hereby repeals the *2012 International Energy Conservation Code (2012 IECC)*, and adopts, as the energy conservation code of the City, the *2015 International Energy Conservation Code (2015 IECC)* published by the International Code Council, as amended by the City, which shall have the same force and effect as though set forth in full herein, except as amended pursuant to Section 5-31 of the City Code, and which shall apply exclusively to the design and construction of all buildings that are classified as residential buildings not more than three (3) stories above grade and their systems; new portions of such existing buildings and their systems; and new systems and equipment in such existing buildings, exclusive of detached one- and two-family dwellings, multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses), for the purpose of establishing minimum requirements for minimum energy efficiency. None of the *2015 International Energy Conservation Code Appendices* are hereby adopted.

Section 2. That Section 5-31 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 5-31. Amendments and deletions to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code**

The *20125 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE* adopted in § 5-26(c) is hereby amended in the following respects:

(1) *Section C101.1 Title* is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

**C101.1 Title.** This code shall be known as the *International Energy Conservation Code* of the City of Fort Collins and shall be cited as such. It is referred to herein as "this code."

(2) *Section C101.4 Applicability* is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

Information contained in the amended Commercial Sections: *C101.1 Title; C103.6 Permits; C107 Fees; C109 Board of Appeals; C110 Violations; C110.2 Work commencing before permit issuance; C202 Definitions; C301.4 Exterior and Interior*

*design parameters; C402.2 Specific insulation requirements*, shall be applicable to the corresponding Residential Sections and shall have the same meaning.

(3) A new **Section C101.4.2 Energy assessment** is hereby added to read as follows:

**C101.4.2 Energy assessment.** Prior to any *alterations*, an energy assessment shall be completed and submitted to the *building official*.

**Exceptions:** Energy assessments are not required in the following cases.

1. *Buildings* for which the first Certificate of Occupancy was issued after October 2010.
2. First-time interior finishes.
3. A *building* that has undergone an energy assessment within the previous three years.
4. *Alterations* to the HVAC, lighting, power, and exterior walls systems, or replacement of such with a construction valuation of less than \$50,000.
5. *Residential buildings*.

(4) A new **Section C103.6 Permits** is hereby added to read as follows:

**C103.6 Permits.** Procedures related to permits, required inspections, payment of fees and obtaining required approvals shall be as set forth in Section 105 of the adopted *International Building Code*, entitled 'Permits'.

(5) **Section C107 Fees** is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety and the following is hereby added in lieu thereof:

**C107 Fees.** All items relating to fees shall be as specified in Section 109 of the adopted *International Building Code*, entitled "Fees."

(6) **Section C109 Board of Appeals** is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety and the following is hereby added in lieu thereof:

**C109 Appeals.** Appeals of decisions, determinations and interpretations of this code shall be made pursuant to the applicable provisions of Section 113 of the adopted *International Building Code*, entitled "Board of Appeals."

(7) A new **Section C110 Violations** is hereby added to read as follows:

**C110.1 Violations.** Any person who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters or *repairs a building* or structure in violation of the *approved* construction documents or directive of the *building official*, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code,

shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to the penalties and fines specified in Section 1-15 of the City Code.

- (8) A new *Section C110.2 Work commencing before permit issuance* is hereby added to read as follows:

**C110.2 Work commencing before permit issuance.** In addition to the penalties set forth in Section 110.1, any person or firm who, before obtaining the necessary permit(s), commences any construction of, or work on, a *building*, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system that is not otherwise exempted from obtaining a permit, shall be subject to a fine in addition to the standard prescribed permit fee. Said fine shall be equal in amount to the permit fee, except that it shall not be less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 for the first such violation. A person or firm committing the same such violation repeatedly shall be subject to a fine equal to double the amount of the permit fee or double the amount of the fee imposed for the preceding violation, whichever is greater, for every such subsequent violation committed within 180 days of a previous violation. Said fines may be appealed to the City Manager pursuant to Chapter 2, Article VI of the City Code.

- (9) *Section C202 DEFINITIONS*, is hereby amended by adding, in alphabetical order, the following definitions:

**CONTINUOUS AIR BARRIER:** The combination of interconnected materials, assemblies, and flexible sealed joints and components of the *building thermal envelope* that provides air tightness to a specified permeability.

**ELECTRIC HEAT:** An indoor environmental primary heat source that is electric. A ground-source electric heat pump designed by a licensed professional engineer shall not be considered *electric heat*.

**NON-ELECTRIC HEAT:** An indoor environmental primary heat source that is gas or that is a ground-source electric heat pump designed by a licensed professional engineer to operate without the use of supplemental electric resistance heat.

- (10) A new *Section C301.5 Exterior and Interior Local Design Parameters* is hereby added to read as follows:

**Exterior and Interior Local Design Parameters.**

Winter Outdoor, Design Dry-bulb (°F)	= 6
Winter Indoor, Design Dry-bulb (°F)	= 72
Summer, Outdoor Design Dry-bulb (°F)	= 90
Summer, Indoor Design Dry-bulb (°F)	= 75
Summer, Outdoor Design Wet-bulb (°F)	= 62
Summer, Indoor Design Wet-bulb (°F)	= 62
Degree Days heating	= 5710
Degree days cooling	= 694

**Fort Collins is in Climate Zone 5.**

- (11) **Section C402.1.3 Insulation component R-value-based method** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

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**Exception:** For buildings using *electric heat* at the power density of 1.5 Watts per square foot or greater, the *building thermal envelope* values in Table C402.1.5 shall be mandatory.

- (12) **Section C402.1.4 Assembly U-factor, C-factor or F-factor-based method** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

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**Exception:** For buildings using *electric heat* at the power density of 1.5 Watts per square foot or greater, the *building thermal envelope* values in Table C402.1.5 shall be mandatory.

- (13) **Table C402.1.5 Building thermal envelope** is hereby added to read as follows:

**TABLE C402.1.5 (Mandatory)**  
**BUILDING THERMAL ENVELOPE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC HEAT**

Opaque Elements	Assembly Max.	Insulation Min. R-Value
<b>Roofs</b>		
Insulation Entirely above Deck	U-0.039	R-30.0 ci
Metal Building	U-0.035	R-19.0 + R-11.0 Ls
Attic and Other	U-0.021	R-49.0
<b>Walls, Above Grade</b>		
Mass <sup>a</sup>	U-0.080	R-13.3 ci
Metal Building	U-0.052	R-13.0 + R-13.0 ci
Steel Framed	U-0.055	R-13.0 + R-10.0 ci
Wood Framed and Other	U-0.051	R-13.0 + R-7.5 ci
<b>Wall, Below Grade</b>		
	U-0.092	R-10.0 ci
<b>Floors</b>		
Mass	U-0.064	R-12.5 ci
Steel Joist	U-0.026	R-30.0 + R-7.5 ci
Wood Framed and Other	U-0.032	R-38.0

Slab-On-Grade Floors		R-10 for 24 in.
Unheated	F-0.540	
Heated	F-0.440	R-15.0 for 36 in. + R-5 ci below
<i>Opaque Doors</i>		
Swinging	U-0.37	
Non-Swinging	U-0.37	

<i>Fenestration</i>	Assembly Max. U
<i>Vertical Fenestration</i> , (up to 40% of Wall maximum)	
Nonmetal framing: all <sup>b</sup>	U-0.25
Metal fr: curtainwall/stonefront <sup>c</sup>	U-0.35
Metal framing: <i>entrance door</i> <sup>c</sup>	U-0.70
Metal framing: all other <sup>c</sup>	U-0.45
<i>Skylight</i> (up to 3% of Roof maximum)	U <sub>all</sub> -0.50
SHGC	U-0.40

The following definitions apply: ci = *continuous insulation*, Ls = *liner system*, NR = No (insulation) requirement.

<sup>a</sup> Mass walls with a heat capacity greater than 12 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>·°F which are unfinished or finished only on the interior do not need to be insulated.

<sup>b</sup> Nonmetal framing includes framing materials other than metal with or without metal reinforcing or cladding.

<sup>c</sup> Metal framing includes metal framing with or without thermal break. The "all other" subcategory includes operable windows, fixed windows, and non-*entrance doors*.

- (14) **Section C402.2 Specific building thermal envelope insulation requirements (Prescriptive)** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

**C402.2 Specific building thermal envelope insulation requirements (Mandatory).**

Insulation in building thermal envelope opaque assemblies shall comply with Sections C402.2.1 through C402.2.6 and Table C402.1.3. In addition to the requirements of Section C402.1, insulation shall meet the specific requirements of Sections C402.2.1 through C402.2.6. All insulation shall be installed to meet Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) Grade I standard.

**Exception:** RESNET Grade II is acceptable for cavity insulation in *exterior walls* that include continuous rigid insulating sheathing and/or insulated siding with a minimum *R-value* of 5, and rim joists.

- (15) A new **Section C402.2.3.1 Thermal resistance of below-grade walls** is hereby added to read as follows:

**C402.2.3.1 Thermal resistance of below-grade walls.** The minimum thermal resistance (*R-value*) of the insulating material installed in, or continuously on, the *below-grade walls* shall be R-10 and shall extend to a depth of 10 feet (3,048 mm) below the outside finish ground level, or to the level of the floor, whichever is less.

- (16) **Sections C402.5 Air leakage-thermal envelope (Mandatory), C402.5.1 Air Barriers, C402.5.1.1 Air barrier construction, C402.5.1.2 Air barrier compliance options, and C402.5.1.2.1 Materials, C402.5.1.2.2 Assemblies,** are hereby deleted and replaced in their entirety and the following is hereby added in lieu thereof:

**Section C402.5 Air leakage-thermal envelope (Mandatory).** The *building thermal envelope* shall be designed and constructed with a *continuous air barrier* that complies with the following requirements to control air leakage into, or out of, the *conditioned space*. The boundary limits and size of the surface area (floor, wall, and ceiling or roof) of the *building air barrier*, and of the *zone* or *zones* to be tested for maximum *building* air infiltration and exfiltration, shall be clearly identified on the *approved* construction drawings. All *air barrier* components of each *building thermal envelope* assembly shall be clearly identified on construction documents and the joints, interconnections, and penetrations of the *air barrier* components shall be detailed and shall comply with the following:

1. The *air barrier* shall be continuous throughout the *building thermal envelope* (at the lowest floor, *exterior walls*, and ceiling or roof), with all joints and seams sealed and with sealed connections between all transitions in planes and changes in materials and at all penetrations.
2. The *air barrier* component of each assembly shall be joined and sealed in a flexible manner to the *air barrier* component of adjacent assemblies, allowing for the relative movement of these assemblies and components.
3. The *air barrier* shall be capable of withstanding positive and negative combined design wind, fan, and stack pressures on the *air barrier* without damage or displacement, and shall transfer the load to the structure, and shall not displace adjacent materials under full load.
4. The *air barrier* shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and in such a manner as to achieve the performance requirements.
5. Where lighting fixtures with *ventilation* holes or other similar objects are to be installed in such a way as to penetrate the *continuous air barrier*, provisions shall be made to maintain the integrity of the *continuous air barrier*.

Compliance of the *continuous air barrier* for the opaque *building thermal envelope* shall be demonstrated by the following:

1. **Materials.** Using air-barrier materials that have an air permeability not to exceed 0.004 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> under a pressure differential of 0.3 in. water (1.57 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>) (0.02 L/s·m<sup>2</sup> under a pressure differential of 75 Pa) when tested in accordance with ASTM E2178;
2. **Assemblies.** Using assemblies of materials and components that have an average air leakage not to exceed 0.04 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> under a pressure differential of 0.3 in. water (1.57 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>) (0.2 L/s·m<sup>2</sup> under a pressure differential of 75 Pa) when tested in accordance with ASTM E2357 or ASTM E1677;
3. **Testing.** Testing the completed *building* and documenting that the air leakage rate of the *building thermal envelope* does not exceed 0.25 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> under a pressure differential of 0.3 in. water (1.57 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>) (0.02 L/s·m<sup>2</sup> under a pressure differential

of 75 Pa) shall be completed in accordance with the most current version of the City of Fort Collins Building Air Leakage Test Protocol for commercial buildings or City of Fort Collins Building Code Protocol for *New Multifamily Building Air Tightness Testing*. Documentation of the testing results shall be submitted to the *building official* prior to approval. If the *building* fails air leakage testing, the testing agency is required to perform a diagnostic evaluation in accordance with ASTM E1186-03(2009). The testing agency can use additional methods to discover leaks. *Repairs* based on these diagnostics and retesting is required prior to submitting results to the building official.

4. Alternative Inspection. When *approved* by the *building official*, where it is deemed impractical to isolate and perform a blower door test on a new renovation or *addition*, the renovation or *addition air barrier* shall be inspected for continuity and integrity by an *approved* inspector.

- (17) **Section C402.5.6 Loading dock weatherseals** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

**C402.5.6 Loading dock weatherseals.** Cargo doors and loading dock doors shall be equipped with weather-seals to restrict infiltration.

- (18) **Section C405.2.1 Occupant sensor controls** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

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In new construction and *additions* that require a building permit, *occupant sensor controls* shall be provided to automatically reduce connected lighting power by not less than 50 percent during periods when no occupants are present in the following locations:

1. corridors and enclosed stairwells;
2. storage stack areas not open to the public;
3. library stack areas; and
4. parking garages.

Lighting in *means of egress* shall comply with the luminance or uniformity criteria required by the *International Building Code* when occupied.

**Exception:** *Automatic* power reduction shall not be used to control battery back-up emergency lighting and exit signage.

- (19) **Section C405.2.4 Specific application controls** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

3. In hotels and motels the lighting switched outlets, permanently wired luminaires, television, and heating, ventilating and air conditioning system equipment serving each guest room shall be automatically controlled so that lighting, switched outlets, permanently wired luminaires, and televisions will be turned off and the



heating, ventilating and air conditioning system set point raised at least 5 degrees Fahrenheit (3 degrees centigrade) in the cooling mode and lowered at least 5 degrees Fahrenheit (3 degrees centigrade) in the heating mode whenever the guest room is unoccupied.

All permanently wired luminaires located in bathrooms within *sleeping units* in hotels, motels, boarding houses or similar *buildings* shall be equipped with occupant sensors that require manual intervention to energize circuits.

- (20) **Section C405.2.5 Exterior lighting controls** is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety and the following is hereby added in lieu thereof:

**C405.2.5 Exterior lighting controls.** In addition to any other applicable requirements of this IECC, all outdoor lighting controls shall comply with the following requirements. For lighting of *building* façades, parking lots, garages, canopies (sales and non-sales), and all outdoor sales areas, *automatic* controls shall be installed to reduce the sum of all lighting power (in watts) by a minimum of 50 percent two hours after normal business closing, and to turn off outdoor lighting within 30 minutes after sunrise.

**Exceptions:**

1. Lighting required by a statute, ordinance, or regulation duly adopted for the protection of public health, safety and/or human life, including but not limited to, emergency lighting.
2. Lighting that is controlled by a motion sensor and photo-control.
3. Lighting for facilities that have equal lighting requirements at all hours and are designed to operate continuously.
4. Temporary outdoor lighting.
5. Externally illuminated signs and signs that are either internally illuminated or have integral lamps.

- (21) A new **Section C405.10 Electricity distribution design** is hereby added to read as follows:

**C405.10 Electricity distribution design requirements and load type isolation.** Electric distribution systems within, on or adjacent to and serving a new *building* shall be designed in such fashion that each primary panel supplies only one electricity load type as defined in Sections C405.10.1 through C405.10.5. The energy load type served by each distribution panel shall be clearly designated on the panel with the use served, and adequate space shall be provided for installation of metering equipment or other data collection devices, temporary or permanent, to measure the energy use associated with each distribution panel.

**Exceptions:**

1. *Buildings* or spaces with less than 600 amp electric service are exempted from this requirement.
2. Electrical systems that are designed and constructed in such fashion that the total usage of each of the load types as described in Sections C405.10.1 through C405.10.5 shall be permitted to be measured through the use of installed *sub-meters* or other equivalent methods as *approved*.
3. Group U occupancies

**C405.10.1 Heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system electric load.** This category shall include all electricity used to heat, cool, and provide *ventilation* to the *building* including, but not limited to, fans, pumps, and cooling energy.

**C405.10.2 Lighting system electric load.** This category shall include all electricity for interior and exterior lighting used in occupant spaces and common areas.

**C405.10.3 Plug loads.** This category shall include all electricity use by devices, electric appliances and equipment connected to convenience receptacle *outlets*.

**C405.10.4 Process loads.** This category shall include all electricity used by any single load associated with activities within the *building*, such as, but not limited to, data centers, manufacturing equipment and commercial kitchens, that exceed 5% of the total energy use of the whole *building*.

**C405.10.5 Miscellaneous loads.** This category shall include all electricity use for all other *building* operations and other operational loads.

- (22) **Section C408 System commissioning** is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety and the following is hereby added in lieu thereof:

**C408 System Commissioning** shall be in conformance with Section 3604 of the adopted *International Building Code*, entitled "Commissioning, Operations and Maintenance."

- (23) **TABLE R402.1.2 Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component** is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety and the following is hereby added in lieu thereof:

**TABLE R402.1.2  
INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT**

HEATING SYSTEM TYPE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR <sup>b</sup>	SKYLIGHT <sup>b</sup> U-FACTOR	GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC	CEILING R-VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE <sup>f</sup> <sub>g</sub>	MASS WALL R-VALUE <sup>a</sup>	FLOOR R-VALUE <sup>c</sup>	BASEMENT <sup>e</sup> WALL R-VALUE	SLAB <sup>d</sup> R-VALUE & DEPTH	CRAWL SPACE WALL R-VALUE
<i>Non-Electric heat</i>	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20 or 13 + 5	13/17	30	10/13h 15/19i	10,2 ft	10/13h 15/19i
<i>Electric heat</i>	0.30	0.55	NR	49	20+5	15/19	30	15/19	10,3 ft	15/19

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8mm

- a. *R-values* are minimums. *U-factors* and SHGC are maximums. R-19 batts compressed into a nominal 2x6 framing cavity such that the *R-value* is reduced by R-1 or more shall be marked with the compressed batt *R-value* in addition to the full thickness *R-value*.
- b. The *fenestration U-factor* column excludes skylights. The SHGC column applies to all glazed *fenestration*.
- c. "15/19" means R-15 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the foundation wall or R-19 cavity insulation at the interior of the foundation wall. "15/19" shall be permitted to be met with R-13 cavity insulation on the interior of the foundation wall plus R-5 *continuous insulation* on the interior or exterior of the foundation wall. "10/13" means R-10 *continuous insulation* on the interior or exterior of the foundation wall or R-13 cavity insulation at the interior of the foundation wall.
- d. R-5 shall be added to the required slab edge *R-values* for heated slabs.
- e. Insulation shall fill the framing cavity, R-19 minimum.
- f. First value is cavity insulation, second is insulated sheathing or siding, so "20+5" means R-20 cavity insulation plus R-5 insulated sheathing. If structural sheathing covers 25 percent or less of the exterior, insulating sheathing is not required where structural sheathing is used. If structural sheathing covers more than 25 percent of the exterior, structural sheathing shall be supplemented with insulated sheathing of at least R-2.
- g. The second *R-value* applies when more than half the insulation is on the interior of the mass wall.
- h. All rim joists and adjoining plates shall be air-sealed and insulated using spray foam insulation to R-15 minimum.
- i. All rim joists and adjoining plates shall be air-sealed.

(24) **TABLE R402.1.4 Equivalent U-Factors** is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety and the following is hereby added in lieu thereof:

**TABLE R402.1.4  
EQUIVALENT U-FACTORS<sup>a</sup>**

HEATING SYSTEM TYPE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR	SKYLIGHT U-FACTOR	CEILING R-VALUE	FRAME WALL U-FACTOR	MASS WALL U-FACTOR <sup>b</sup>	FLOOR U-FACTOR	BASEMENT WALL U-FACTOR	CRAWL SPACE WALL U-FACTOR
<i>Nonelectric heat</i>	0.32	0.55	0.026	0.057	0.082	0.033	0.059	0.055
<i>Electric heat</i>	0.30	0.55	0.026	0.048	0.060	0.033	0.050	0.055

- a. Non-*fenestration U-factors* shall be obtained from measurement, calculation or an *approved source*.
- b. When more than half the insulation is on the interior, the mass wall *U-factor* shall be the same as the frame wall *U-factor*.

(25) **Section R402.2 Specific insulation requirements (Prescriptive)** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

**R402.2 Specific insulation requirements (Mandatory).**

In addition to the requirements of Section R402.1, insulation shall meet the specific requirements of Sections R402.2.1 through R402.2.14.

(26) **Section R402.2.1 Ceilings with attic spaces** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

**R402.2.1 Ceilings with attic spaces.** Where Section R402.1.2 would require R-38 insulation in the ceiling, installing R-30 over 100 percent of the ceiling area requiring insulation shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement for R-38 wherever the full height of uncompressed R-30 insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves. Similarly, where Section R402.1.2 would require R-49 insulation in the ceiling, installing R-38 over 100 percent of the ceiling area requiring insulation shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement for R-49 insulation wherever the full height of uncompressed R-38 insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves. This reduction shall not apply to the U-factor alternative approach in Section R402.1.4 and the total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5. At the eaves, the insulation extending over the *exterior wall* top plate shall be R-19 minimum.

- (27) **Section R402.2.3 Eave baffle** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

**R402.2.3 Eave baffle and blocks.** For air permeable insulations in vented attics with *ventilation* from open or box soffits, a baffle shall be installed to provide *ventilation* from the soffit to the attic adjacent to each soffit or eave vent. In the case of continuous soffit vents, enough baffles shall be installed to maintain the required attic *ventilation* from the soffit. Baffles shall maintain an opening equal or greater than the size of the vent. The ventilation baffle shall extend over the top of the attic insulation between rafters or trusses, maintaining a minimum 1 inch clear opening below the roof deck and sufficient space for the minimum depth of attic insulation. The baffle shall be permitted to be any solid material. All other spaces between rafters or trusses shall be blocked at the outside edge of the *exterior wall* top plate, with air impermeable materials so as to contain the attic insulation.

- (28) A new **Section R402.2.14 Rim insulation requirements** is hereby added to read as follows:

**R402.2.14 Rim insulation requirements.** All rim plates and rim joist which are part of the thermal envelope shall be air-sealed. All rim plates and rim joist which are part of the thermal envelope shall be insulated using spray foam materials to R-15 minimum when the *basement* walls are insulated to 10/13 in accordance with Table R402.1.2.

- (29) **Sections 402.4.1 Building thermal envelope, R402.4.1.1 Installation, and R402.4.1.2 Testing**, are hereby deleted and replaced in their entirety and the following is hereby added in lieu thereof:

**R402.4.1 Building thermal envelope.** The *building*, or individual *dwelling units*, shall be tested and verified as having an air leakage rate not exceeding 3 air changes per hour. Testing shall be conducted with a blower door at a pressure of 0.2 inches w.g. (50 Pascals) in accordance with Section 802 of the RESNET Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating Standards or City of Fort Collins Building Code Protocol for *New Multifamily Building Air Tightness Testing*. Where required by the *building official*, testing shall be conducted by an *approved* third party. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the *building official*. Isolation of attached garages from adjoining *conditioned areas* shall be verified in accordance with City of Fort Collins protocols.

Testing shall occur after *rough-in* and after installation of penetrations of the *building thermal envelope*, including but not limited to penetrations for utilities, plumbing, electrical, *ventilation* and combustion appliances.

General requirements during testing:

1. Exterior windows and doors, fireplace and stove doors shall be closed, but not sealed beyond the intended weather-stripping or other *infiltration* control measures.

2. Dampers including exhaust, intake, makeup air, backdraft and flue dampers shall be closed, but not sealed beyond intended *infiltration* control measures.
3. Interior doors, if installed at the time of the test, shall be open.
4. Exterior doors for continuous *ventilation systems* and heat recovery ventilators shall be closed and sealed.
5. Heating and cooling systems, if installed at the time of the test, shall be turned off.
6. Supply and return registers, if installed at the time of the test, shall be fully open.
7. *Combustion air* inlets shall not be closed or otherwise obstructed.
8. Garage doors to the exterior shall be closed.

In additions or *alterations* to existing *buildings*, air sealing compliance shall be considered acceptable when the items *listed* in Table R402.4.1.1, applicable to the method of construction, are field-verified.

- (30) **Section R402.5 Maximum fenestration U-factor and SHGC (Mandatory)** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

The area-weighted average maximum fenestration U-factor permitted using tradeoffs from Section R402.1.5 or R405 shall be 0.40 for *vertical fenestration*.

- (31) **Section R403.3.1 Insulation (Prescriptive)** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

**R403.3.1 Insulation (Mandatory).**

- (32) **Section R403.7 Equipment sizing and efficiency rating (Mandatory)** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

**R403.7 Equipment sizing and efficiency rating (Mandatory).** Heating and cooling equipment shall be designed in accordance with *International Residential Code* Section M1401.3 and performance will be verified in accordance with *International Residential Code* Section M1309.

- (33) **Section R404.1 Lighting equipment (Mandatory)** is hereby retained in its entirety with the following amendments:

**R404.1 Lighting equipment (Mandatory).** Not less than 75 percent of the lamps in permanently installed lighting fixtures shall be high-efficacy lamps or not less than 50 percent of the permanently installed lighting fixtures shall contain only high-efficacy lamps.

**Exception:** Low-voltage lighting.

- (34) A new **Section R404.2 Occupant sensor controls** is hereby added to read as follows:

**R404.2 Occupant sensor controls.** In multifamily buildings, occupant sensor controls shall be provided to automatically reduce connected lighting power by not less than 50 percent during periods when no occupants are present in common corridors and common enclosed stairwells.

Lighting in means of egress shall comply with the luminance or uniformity criteria required by the *International Building Code* when occupied.

**Exception:** Automatic power reduction shall not be used to control battery back-up emergency lighting and exit signage.


(35) **Chapter 6 REFERENCED STANDARDS** is hereby amended by adding, in alphabetical order, the following additional referenced standard:

RESNET® Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating Systems Standards  
Residential Energy Services Network, Inc.  
P.O. Box 4561  
Oceanside, CA 92052-4561  
<http://resnet.us>

RESNET® reference standard Grade I and Grade II Insulation  
Referenced in Amended 2012 IECC Section C402.2.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 6th day of June, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 5th day of July, A.D. 2017.




  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on this 5th day of July, A.D. 2017.



  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given of a public hearing to be held before the City Council of the City of Fort Collins, Colorado, on the 6th day of June, A.D., 2017 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on for hearing, in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 300 LaPorte Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado for the purpose of considering the adoption of ordinances adopting by reference the *2015 International Building Code*, *2015 International Residential Code*, *2015 International Energy Conservation Code*, *2015 International Mechanical Code*, and the *2015 International Fuel Gas Code* together with local amendments, promulgated by the International Code Council.

Not less than one (1) copy of said Codes has been, and now is on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Fort Collins and is available for public inspection.

The purpose of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Mechanical Code, and the International Fuel Gas Code adopted by said ordinance is to provide for protection of public health and safety and general welfare.

The City of Fort Collins will make reasonable accommodations for access to City services, programs and activities and will make special communication arrangements for persons with disabilities. Please call 221-6515 (V/TDD: Dial 711 for Relay Colorado) for assistance.

This notice is given and published by order of the City of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dated at Fort Collins, Colorado this 14th day of May, A.D. 2017.

Wanda Winkelmann  
City Clerk