



Georgia State Amendments to the International Existing Building Code (2018 Edition)



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**GEORGIA STATE MINIMUM
STANDARD EXISTING BUILDING CODE
(INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE
WITH GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS)**

The **INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE, 2018 Edition**, published by the International Code Council, when used in conjunction with these and any other Georgia State Amendments to the **INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE, 2018 Edition**, shall constitute the official *Georgia State Minimum Standard Existing Building Code*.

GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS

CODE REFERENCE:

- a) Replace all references to the ICC Electrical Code with references to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Electrical Code (National Electrical Code with Georgia State Amendments).
- b) Replace all references to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) with references to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code (IECC with Georgia State Supplements and Amendments). The Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code shall be used for heating and air conditioning equipment.
- c) Replace all references to “Accessibility” with a cross-reference to Title 30, Chapter 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) and the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner.
- d) The following table titled ‘Codes Reference Guide’ establishes specific primary and supplementary code applications and is to be applied by the authority having jurisdiction.

CODES REFERENCE GUIDE		
Area	Primary	Supplement
Occupancy Classification	LSC	IBC
Building Construction Types including allowable height, allowable building areas, and the requirements for sprinkler protection related to minimum building construction types.	IBC	LSC
Means of Egress	LSC	NONE

Standpipes	IBC	IFC
Interior Finish	LSC	NONE
HVAC Systems	IMC	NONE
Vertical Openings	LSC	NONE
Sprinkler Systems minimum construction standard	LSC	NONE
Fire Alarm Systems	LSC	NONE
Smoke Alarms and Smoke Detection Systems	State Statute and LSC	NONE
Portable Fire Extinguishers	IFC	NONE
Cooking Equipment	LSC and NFPA 96	NONE
Fuel Fired Appliances	IFGC	NFPA 54
Liquid Petroleum Gas	NFPA 58	NFPA 54
Compressed Natural Gas	NFPA 52	NONE

RESOURCES:

Resource A is only a guideline and is not intended to be a document for specific adoption as it is not written in the format or language of ICC’s *International Codes* and is not subject to the code development process.

**Revise the International Existing Building Code, 2018 Edition, as follows:*

**CHAPTER 3
PROVISIONS FOR ALL COMPLIANCE METHODS**

**SECTION 301
ADMINISTRATION**

*Revise 301.3 Alteration, addition or change of occupancy to renumber exception add two exceptions as follows:

301.3 Alteration, addition or change of occupancy.

Exception 1: (no change)

Exception 2: Plumbing fixtures in existing multi-story buildings that are and will remain a B-Business occupancy shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this code when it is *technically infeasible* to add fixtures required by present-day occupancy count calculations due to space or cost.

Exception 3: Where existing buildings, core plumbing and other existing base building features cannot accommodate new tenant occupancy calculations, occupancy limit signage must be placed in common areas to indicate the occupancy limit of that specific area or the entry and exit points for the entire tenant area.
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CHAPTER 4 REPAIRS

SECTION 408 PLUMBING

*Revise 408.2 Water closet replacement to read as follows:

408.2 Water closet replacement

The maximum water consumption flow rates and quantities for all replaced water closets shall be 1.28 gallons (4.84L) per flushing cycle.
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CHAPTER 7 ALTERATIONS-LEVEL 1

SECTION 702 BUILDING ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS

*Revise [FG] 702.6.1 International Fuel Gas Code #2 to read as follows and delete 2.1 entirely:

[FG] 702.6.1 International Fuel Gas Code.

#2 Chapter 4, entitled “Gas Piping Installations”.
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CHAPTER 12 HISTORIC BUILDINGS

SECTION 1201 GENERAL

*Revise Section 1201.1 ‘Scope’ to add sentence at end of section to read as follows:

1201.1 Scope.

. . .and *change of occupancy*. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Office may be contacted for additional resources.
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End of Amendments.