Proposed Amendments (added text to the code is: <u>underlined</u>, deleted text to the code is: ~~struck through~~)

<u>AMENDMENTS SENT TO SUBCOMMITTEE</u>

ITEM NUMBER	ARTICLE	SUMMARY	PROPONENT	ACTION
		Proposed		
IBC – 2026 - 1	**[P] 2902**	*Delete exception #6 in Section [P] 2902.2 'Separate Facilities' to read as follows: **[P] 2902.2 Separate facilities**. Where plumbing fixtures are required, separate facilities shall be provided for each sex. Exceptions: 1. Separate toilet facilities shall not be required for dwelling units and sleeping units. 2. Separate toilet facilities shall not be required in structures or tenant spaces with a total occupant load, including both employees and customers, of 15 or fewer. 3. Separate toilet facilities shall not be required in mercantile occupancies in which the maximum occupant load is 100 or fewer. 4. Separate toilet facilities shall not be required in business occupancies in which the maximum occupant load is 25 or fewer. 5. Separate toilet facilities shall not be required to be designated by sex where single-user toilet rooms are provided in accordance with Section 2902.1.2. ~~6. Separate toilet facilities shall not be required where rooms having both water closets and lavatory fixtures are designed for use by all persons regardless of sex and privacy is provided for water closets in accordance with Section 405.3.4 of the International Plumbing Code and for urinals in accordance with Section 405.3.5 of the International Plumbing Code.~~ **(Companion amendment sent to the IPC/ISPSC Task Force)**	**DCA**	
IBC – 2026 – 2	**Referenced Standards**	**CHAPTER 35 REFERENCED STANDARDS** **<u>ACI</u>** American Concrete Institute 38800 Country Club Drive Farmington HillsMI48331-3439 318—~~19~~25 Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete	SEAOG, John Hutton	

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<td>IBC- 2026-3</td>
<td>Table 504.4</td>
<td>*Revise Table 504.4 ‘Allowable Number of Stories Above Grade Plane [a, b]’ for the Occupancy Classification “I-1 Condition 2” as shown and add a new footnote “i” to read as follows:

TABLE 504.4
ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF STORIES ABOVE GRADE PLANE [a, b]
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<tr><th rowspan="3">OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION</th><th colspan="11">TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION</th></tr>
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i. For all I-1 Condition 2, the building shall be protected throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system, installed in accordance with NFPA 13 as adopted by the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. No increase in story height shall be permitted.

(Remainder of table unchanged)</td>
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<td>IBC – 2026 – 4</td>
<td>Section 903.3.1.2</td>
<td>*Revise section 903.3.1.2 to add the following line to read as follows:

[F] 903.3.1.2 NFPA 13R sprinkler systems.
<s>Section 903.3.1.2 shall apply only as referenced by the NFPA standards.</s>
Refer to the applicable codes and standards adopted by the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner.</td>
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<td>NEC – 2026 - 5</td>
<td>Definitions</td>
<td>*Add new Definition ‘Townhouse (Row House)’ to read as follows.

Dwelling, One-Family. (One-Family Dwelling)
A building that consists solely of one dwelling unit.</td>
<td>James Martin</td>
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		TOWNHOUSE (ROW HOUSE). A single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of three or more attached units. Each unit extends from foundation to roof, not more than three stories in height, with a separate means of egress, and with an open space/yard or public way on at least two sides. Each townhouse shall be considered a separate building with independent exterior walls and shall be separated by a 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly.		
NEC – 2026 - 6	**210.8(F)**	*Revise article 210.8(F) 'Outdoor Outlets' to read as follows: **(F) Outdoor Outlets.** For dwellings, all outdoor outlets, other than those covered in 210.8(A), Exception No. 1, including outlets installed in the following locations, and supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts or less to ground, 50 amperes or less, shall be provided with GFCI protection: (1) Garages that have floors located at or below grade level (2) Accessory buildings (3) Boathouses If equipment supplied by an outlet covered under the requirements of this section is replaced, the outlet shall be supplied with GFCI protection. *Exception No. 1:* *GFCI protection shall not be required on lighting outlets other than those covered in 210.8(C).* *Exception No. 2:* *GFCI protection shall not be required for listed HVAC equipment.* ~~*This exception shall expire September 1, 2026.*~~	James Martin	
NEC -2026 -7	**702**	Requesting an addition in the form of a Georgia Amendment to Article 702 of the National Electrical Code that reads: Construction of critical facilities that include hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities, shall be enabled with adequate installation of transfer switches suitable for the connection of portable generators capable of suitably powering such facility.	Director Chris Stallings, GEMA	
NEC – 2026 - 8	**210.8**	*Revise Article 210.8 'Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Personnel' to read as follows: 210.8(A) Dwelling Units. All 125-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere ~~through 250 volt~~ receptacles installed in the locations and supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts or less to ground shall have ground-fault circuit interrupter protection for personnel.	HBAG	

		(1) Bathrooms (2) Garages and also accessory buildings that have a floor located at or below grade level not intended as habitable rooms and limited to storage areas, work areas, and areas of similar use (3) Outdoors (4) Crawl spaces — at or below grade level (5) Basements (6) Kitchens (7) Sinks — where receptacles are installed within 1.8 m (6 ft) from the top inside edge of the bowl of the sink (8) Boathouses (9) Bathtubs or shower stalls — where receptacles are installed within 1.8 m (6 ft) of the outside edge of the bathtub or shower stall (10) Laundry areas (11) Indoor damp and wet locations [The exceptions remain unchanged.] **210.8(D) Specific Appliances.** GFCI protection shall be provided for the branch circuit or outlet supplying the following appliances rated 150 volts or less to ground and 60 amperes or less, single- or 3-phase: (1) Automotive vacuum machines (2) Drinking water coolers and bottle fill stations (3) High-pressure spray washing machines (4) Tire inflation machines (5) Vending machines (6) Sump pumps (7) Dishwashers ~~(8) Electric ranges~~ ~~(9) Wall-mounted ovens~~ ~~(10) Counter-mounted cooking units~~ ~~(11) Clothes dryers~~ (12) Microwave ovens		

NEC – 2026- 9	**210.8(A)**	*Revise 210.8(A) 'Dwelling Units' to read as follows: 210.8(A) Dwelling Units. All 125-volt through 250-volt receptacles installed in the locations and supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts or less to ground shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel. (1) Bathrooms (2) Garages and also accessory buildings that have a floor located at or below grade level not intended as habitable rooms and limited to storage areas, work areas, and areas of similar use (3) Outdoors (4) Crawl spaces — at or below grade level (5) Basements (6) Kitchens — <u>where the receptacles are installed to serve the countertop surfaces</u> ~~(7) Areas with sinks and permanent provisions for food preparation, beverage preparation, or cooking~~ (8) Sinks — where receptacles are installed within 1.8 m (6 ft) from the top inside edge of the bowl of the sink (9) Boathouses (10) Bathtubs or shower stalls — where receptacles are installed within 1.8 m (6 ft) of the outside edge of the bathtub or shower stall (11) Laundry areas (12) Indoor damp and wet locations [The exceptions remain unchanged.]	HBAG	
NEC – 2026 - 10	**210.12(B)**	This amendment removes the requirement for AFCI devices to be installed in one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses. Revise as follows: 210.12(B) Dwelling Units. All 120-volt, single-phase, 10-, 15-, and 20-ampere branch circuits supplying outlets or devices installed in the following locations shall be protected by any of the means described in 210.12(A)(1) through (A)(6): (1) Kitchens (2) Family rooms (3) Dining rooms (4) Living rooms (5) Parlors (6) Libraries	HBAG	

		(7) Dens (8) Bedrooms (9) Sunrooms (10) Recreation rooms (11) Closets (12) Hallways (13) Laundry areas (14) Similar areas *Exception No. 1: AFCI protection shall not be required for an individual branch circuit supplying a fire alarm system installed in accordance with 760.41(B) or 760.121(B). The branch circuit shall be installed in a metal raceway, metal auxiliary gutter, steel-armored cable, or Type MC or Type AC cable meeting the applicable requirements of 250.118, with metal boxes, conduit bodies, and enclosures.* *Exception No. 2: AFCI protection shall not be required for the individual branch circuit supplying an outlet for arc welding equipment in a dwelling unit until January 1, 2025.* *Exception No. 3: AFCI protection shall not be required for one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses.* Informational Note No. 1: See NFPA 72-2022, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, 29.9.4(5), for information on secondary power source requirements for smoke alarms installed in dwelling units. Informational Note No. 2: See 760.41(B) and 760.121(B) for power source requirements for fire alarm systems.		
NEC – 2026 - 11	**210.52(C)**	*Revise Article 210.52(C) 'Countertops and Work Services' to read as follows: **210.52(C)(2) Island and Peninsular Countertops and Work Surfaces.** ~~Receptacle outlets, if installed to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, shall be installed in accordance with 210.52(C)(3). If a receptacle outlet is not provided to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, provisions shall be provided at the island or peninsula for future addition of a receptacle outlet to serve the island or peninsular countertop or work surface.~~ At least one receptacle shall be installed at each island and peninsular countertop space with a long dimension of 600 mm (24 in.) or greater and a short dimension of 300 mm (12 in.) or greater. A peninsular countertop is measured from the connected perpendicular wall.	HBAG	

		210.52(C)(3) Receptacle Outlet Location. Receptacle outlets shall be located in one or more of the following: (1) On or above, but not more than 500 mm (20 in.) above, a countertop or work surface (2) In a countertop using receptacle outlet assemblies listed for use in countertops (3) In a work surface using receptacle outlet assemblies listed for use in work surfaces or listed for use in countertops Receptacle outlets rendered not readily accessible by appliances fastened in place, appliance garages, sinks, or rangetops as covered in 210.52(C)(1), Exception No. 1, or appliances occupying assigned spaces shall not be considered as these required outlets. *Exception: To comply with the following conditions (1) and (2), receptacle outlets shall be permitted to be mounted not more than 300 mm (12 in.) below the countertop or work surface. Receptacles mounted below a countertop or work surface in accordance with this exception shall not be located where the countertop or work surface extends more than 150 mm (6 in.) beyond its support base.* *(1) Construction for the physically impaired* *(2) On island and peninsular countertops or work surface where the surface is flat across its entire surface (no backsplashes, dividers, etc.) and there are no means to mount a receptacle within 500 mm (20 in.) above the countertop or work surface, such as an overhead cabinet* Informational Note No. 1: See 406.5(E) for installation of receptacles in countertops and 406.5(F) for installation of receptacles in work surfaces. See 380.10 for installation of multioutlet assemblies. Informational Note No. 2: See Informative Annex J and ANSI/ICC A117.1-2009, *Standard on Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities*, for additional information.		
IRC-2026-12	**R318.7.5**	*Revise R318.7.5 'Stair treads and risers' to read as follows: **R318.7.5 Stair treads and risers.** Stair treads and risers shall meet the requirements of this section. For the purposes of this section, dimensions and dimensioned surfaces shall be exclusive of carpets, rugs or runners. **R318.7.5.1 Risers.** The riser height shall be not more than 8-inches (210 mm) ~~7 3/4 inches (196 mm)~~. The riser shall be measured vertically between leading edges of the adjacent treads. The greatest riser height within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8-inch (9.5 mm). Risers shall be vertical or	HBAG	

		sloped from the underside of the nosing of the tread above at an angle not more than 30 degrees (0.51 rad) from the vertical. Open risers are permitted provided that the openings located more than 30 inches (762 mm), as measured vertically, to the floor or grade below do not permit the passage of a 4-inchdiameter (102 mm) sphere. Exceptions: 1. The opening between adjacent treads is not limited on spiral stairways. 2. The riser height of spiral stairways shall be in accordance with Section R318.7.11.1. **R318.4.5.2 Treads.** The tread depth shall be not less than 9-inches (229mm) ~~10 inches (254 mm)~~. The tread depth shall be measured horizontally between the vertical planes of the foremost projection of adjacent treads and at a right angle to the tread's leading edge. The greatest tread depth within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8-inch (9.5 mm).		
IRC – 2026- 13	**R305.1**	*Revise R305.1 'Subterranean termite control methods' to read as follows: **R305.1 Subterranean termite control methods.** In areas subject to damage from termites as indicated by Table R301.2, protection shall be by at least two ~~one, or a combination,~~ of the following methods: 1.Chemical termiticide treatment in accordance with Section R305.2. 2.Termite-baiting system installed and maintained in accordance with the label. 3.Pressure-preservative-treated wood in accordance with the provisions of Section R304.1. 4.Naturally durable termite-resistant wood. 5.Physical barriers in accordance with Section R305.3 and used in locations as specified in Section R304.1. 6.Cold-formed steel framing in accordance with Sections R505.2.1 and R603.2.1.	Brian Stults	
IRC – 2026- 14	**R305.2**	*Revise R305.2 'Chemical termiticide treatment' to read as follows: **R305.2 Chemical termiticide treatment.** Chemical termiticide treatment shall include soil treatment, ~~or~~ field-applied wood treatment, or factory applied wood treatment. The concentration, rate of application and method of treatment of the chemical termiticide shall be in strict accordance with the termiticide label	Brian Stults	

IECC – 2026 -15	**R403.3.7**	*Add new section R403.3. 'Duct systems located in conditioned space' to read as follows: **R403.3.7 Duct systems located in conditioned space. (Optional)** For *duct systems* to be considered inside a *conditioned space,* the *space conditioning equipment* shall be located completely on the conditioned side of the *building thermal envelope*. The *ductwork* shall comply with Section R403.3 and the following as applicable: 1. The *ductwork* shall be located completely on the conditioned side of the *building thermal envelope*. 2. *Ductwork* in ventilated attic spaces or unvented attics with vapor diffusion ports shall be buried within ceiling insulation in accordance with R403.3 and shall comply with the following: 2.1. The air handler is located completely within the *continuous air barrier* and within the *building thermal envelope*. 2.2. The *ductwork* leakage, as measured either by a rough-in test of the supply and return ductwork or a post-construction *duct system* leakage test to outside the *building thermal envelope* in accordance with Section R403.3.3, shall not exceed 1.5 cubic feet per minute (42.5 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m2) of *conditioned floor area* served by the *duct system* and shall comply with total leakage requirements of R403.3.4. 2.3. The ceiling insulation R-value installed against and above the insulated *ductwork* shall be greater than or equal to the proposed ceiling insulation R-value, less the R-value of the insulation on the *ductwork*.	Amelia Godfrey, Mike Barcik, Shawn Mullins	
IECC – 2026 -16	**R403.3.8**	*Add new section R403.3.8 'Ductwork buried within ceiling Insulation' to read as follows: **R403.3.8 Ductwork buried within ceiling insulation. (Optional)** Where supply and return ductwork is partially or completely buried in ceiling insulation, such ductwork shall comply with the following: 1. The supply and return ductwork shall be insulated with not less than R-8 insulation. 2. At all points along the ductwork, the ceiling insulation R-value against and above the top of the insulated ductwork shall be not less than R-19. 3. In Climate Zones 2A and 3A the supply ductwork shall be completely buried within ceiling insulation, insulated to an R-value of not less than R-13 and in compliance with the vapor retarder requirements of Section 604.11 of the International Mechanical Code or Section M1601.4.6 of the International Residential Code, as applicable. **Exception 1:** Sections of the supply ductwork that are less than 3 feet (914 mm) from the supply outlet.	Amelia Godfrey, Mike Barcik, Shawn Mullins	

		Exception 2: In Climate Zones 2A and 3A where installed in an unvented attic with vapor diffusion ports, the supply ductwork shall be completely buried within the insulation in the ceiling assembly at the floor of the attic, insulated to an R-value of not less than R-8 and in compliance with the vapor retarder requirements of Section 604.11 of the International Mechanical Code or Section M1601.4.6 of the International Residential Code, as applicable.		
IECC – 2026 -17	**R403.3.9**	*Add new section R403.3.9 'R-value of deeply buried ducts' to read as follows: **R403.3.9 *R*-value of deeply buried ducts. (Optional)** Where complying using Section R405, the sections of ductwork that are installed in accordance with Section R403.3 surrounded with blown-in attic insulation having an *R*-value of R-30 or greater, and located such that the top of the ductwork is not less than 3.5 inches (89 mm) below the top of the insulation and covered by a minimum R-19, the ductwork insulation R-value of the ductwork shall be considered the combined R-value of the ductwork insulation plus the ceiling insulation above the ductwork.	Amelia Godfrey, Mike Barcik, Shawn Mullins	

		AMENDMENTS SENT TO TASK FORCES		
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IMC-2024-41	**IMC - 1109**	* Revise IMC 1109.3.2 'Shaft ventilation' to read as follows: **1109.3.2 Shaft ventilation.** ~~Refrigerant~~ Required refrigerant pipe shafts with systems using Group A2L or B2L refrigerant shall be naturally or mechanically ventilated. Refrigerant pipe shafts with one or more systems using any Group A2, A3, B2 or B3 refrigerant shall be continuously mechanically ventilated and shall include a refrigerant detector. The shaft ventilation exhaust outlet shall comply with Section 501.3.1. Naturally ventilated shafts shall have a pipe, duct or conduit not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in diameter that connects to the lowest point of the shaft and extends to the outdoors. The pipe, duct or conduit shall be level or pitched downward to the outdoors. Mechanically ventilated shafts shall have a minimum airflow velocity in accordance with Table 1109.3.2. The mechanical ventilation shall be continuously operated or activated by a refrigerant detector. Systems utilizing a refrigerant detector shall activate the mechanical ventilation at a maximum refrigerant concentration of 25 percent of the lower flammable limit of the refrigerant. The detector, or a sampling tube that draws air to the detector, shall be located in an area where refrigerant from a leak will concentrate. The shaft shall not be required to be ventilated for double-wall refrigerant pipe where the interstitial space of the double-wall pipe is vented to the outdoors.	Greg Johnson	**Sent to IMC Task Force**
IMC-2024-42	**IMC - 1109**	* Revise IMC 1109.3.2 'Shaft ventilation' to read as follows: **1109.3.2 Shaft ventilation.** Refrigerant pipe shafts with systems using Group A2L or B2L refrigerant shall be naturally or mechanically ventilated. Refrigerant pipe shafts with one or more systems using any Group A2, A3, B2 or B3 refrigerant shall be continuously mechanically ventilated and shall include a refrigerant detector. The shaft ventilation exhaust outlet shall comply with Section 501.3.1. Naturally ventilated shafts shall have a pipe, duct or conduit not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in diameter that connects to the lowest point of the shaft and extends to the outdoors. The pipe, duct or conduit shall be level or pitched downward to the outdoors. Mechanically ventilated shafts shall have a minimum airflow velocity in accordance with Table 1109.3.2. The mechanical	Greg Johnson	**Sent to IMC Task Force**

		ventilation shall be continuously operated or activated by a refrigerant detector. Systems utilizing a refrigerant detector shall activate the mechanical ventilation at a maximum refrigerant concentration of 25 percent of the lower flammable limit of the refrigerant. The detector, or a sampling tube that draws air to the detector, shall be located in an area where refrigerant from a leak will concentrate. The shaft shall not be required to be ventilated for double-wall refrigerant pipe where the interstitial space of the double-wall pipe is vented to the outdoors. <u>For refrigeration systems used in residential occupancies serving only a single dwelling unit or sleeping unit, shaft ventilation shall not be required where the pipe or tube is continuous without fittings in the shaft.</u>		
IMC-2024-43	**IMC - 1109**	**1109.2.5 Refrigerant pipe shafts.** Refrigerant piping that penetrates two or more floor/ceiling assemblies shall be enclosed in a fire-resistance-rated shaft enclosure. The fire-resistance-rated shaft enclosure shall comply with Section 713 of the *International Building Code*. **Exceptions:** 1. *Refrigeration* systems using R-718 refrigerant (water). 2. Piping in a direct refrigeration system ~~using Group A1 refrigerant~~ where the refrigerant quantity does not exceed the limits of Table 1103.1 for the smallest occupied space through which the piping passes. 3. Piping located on the exterior of the *building* where vented to the outdoors.	Greg Johnson	**Sent to IMC Task Force**
IPC-2024-01	**403.2**	*Delete without substitution - IPC section 403.2, Exception #6 (also see companion 2024 IBC Amendment)	Ken Jacobsen	**Sent to IPC/ISPSC Task Force**