

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT FORM FOR PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

(This form must be submitted electronically)

### IRC-74, MR 1309.0202

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### Proposed Code Change - Language

Please provide your proposed code change in strikeout/underline format. Provide the *specific* language you would like to see changed, with new words underlined and words to be deleted should be ~~stricken~~. Also, state whether the language contained in your proposal is from a code book or from an amendment currently found in Minnesota Rule. (You may provide the language (electronically) on a separate, attached sheet).

#### 1309.0202 SECTION R202, DEFINITIONS.

~~STORY ABOVE GRADE PLANE. Any story having its finished floor surface entirely above grade plane, except a basement, shall be considered as a story above grade where the finished surface of the floor above the basement is:~~

- ~~1. more than 6 feet (1829 mm) above grade plane;~~
- ~~2. more than 6 feet (1829 mm) above the finished ground level for more than 50 percent of the total building perimeter; or~~
- ~~3. more than 12 feet (3658 mm) above the finished ground level at any point.~~

### Proposed Code Change – Need and Reason

Please provide a thorough explanation of the need for this change and why this proposed code change is a reasonable change. During the rulemaking process, the Agency must defend the need and reasonableness of all its proposed changes. The Agency must submit evidence that it has considered all aspects of the proposal. (You may provide the need and reason (electronically) on a separate attached sheet).

The proposal requests the deletion of the definition for “Story above grade plane” from the 2007 MSBC, MR 1309.0202. This definition for “Story above grade plane” has been revised in the 2012 IBC and IRC to read as:

**STORY ABOVE GRADE PLANE.** Any story having its finished floor surface entirely above grade plane, or in which the finished surface of the floor next above is:

1. More than 6 feet (1829 mm) above grade plane; or
2. More than 12 feet (3658 mm) above the finished ground level at any point.

The 2012 IRC and IBC code documents have matching language for this definition and a separate definition for the 2012 IRC is unnecessary. It is reasonable to delete the current amendment text and utilize the new 2012 IRC language.

### **Proposed Code Change – Cost/Benefit Analysis**

Please consider whether this proposed code change will increase/decrease costs or indicate that it will not have any cost implications and explain how it will not. If there is an increased cost, will this cost be offset somehow by a life safety or other benefit? If so, please explain. Are there any cost increases/decreases to enforce or comply with this proposed code change? If so, please explain. (You may provide the cost/benefit analysis (electronically) on a separate, attached sheet).

There will be no additional costs related to the approval of the proposed amendment text.

### **Other Factors to Consider Related to Proposed Code Change**

1. Is this proposed code change meant to:

change language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).

change language contained in an existing amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, list Rule part(s).

delete language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).

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neither; this language will be new language, not found in the code book or in Minnesota Rule.

2. Is this proposed code change required by a Minnesota Statute or new legislation? If so, please provide the citation to the Statute or legislation.

NO.

3. Will this proposed code change impact other sections of a published code book or of an amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, please list the affected sections or rule parts.  
**NO.**
4. Will this proposed code change impact other parts of the Minnesota State Building Code? If so, please list the affected parts of the Minnesota State Building Code.  
**NO.**
5. Who are the parties affected or segments of industry affected by this proposed code change?  
**Parties affected are, building officials, contractors and designers. There are no new requirements created by the proposal.**
6. Can you think of other means or methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed code change? If so, please explain what they are and why your proposed change is the preferred method or means to achieve the desired result.  
**NO.**
7. Are you aware of any federal requirement or regulation related to this proposed code change? If so, please list the regulation or requirement.  
**NO.**