

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT FORM
FOR PROPOSED CODE CHANGES**
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IRC-90, R202 [MR 1309.0202] (REV 2-17-2012)

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Proposed Code Change - Language

Language as submitted by author

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Revised per the committee discussion on 12-21-2011

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Proposed Code Change – Need and Reason

This proposal is necessary to coordinate with other code changes that will reduce the height for basements to 6 feet – 4 inches. Also, the original definition is misleading in that it identifies a crawl space as a room or area but does not define location. As a result, the space normally considered to be an attic could be considered a crawl space. The IRC does not provide a definition for “crawl space” but because there are several rules that apply to “crawl spaces” including exemptions for stairs and smoke alarms, it is necessary to define what one is. The proposed definition is a modification of an existing Minnesota rule. The modification changes the height of the space and addresses location. It is necessary to have a definition for “crawl space” to make clear the intent of certain regulation. It is reasonable to define a crawl space is proposed because it is in concert with a similar proposed definition for “basement”.

Proposed Code Change – Cost/Benefit Analysis

This proposal will have no impact on the cost of construction.

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).

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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?

Code officials, building designers, contractors, building owners

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