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Indiana Code You Are Commenting On:	Indiana Building Code - Proposed Code Update Commission

While updating the existing 2012 Building Code is imperative for the public health, safety, and welfare along with the design and construction industry. Proposed codes should remain within the International Building Code family of codes. A few comments related to specific items within the newer IBC codes for consideration .

1. The requirements for tornado safe construction and design need to be considered, further defined, and not left open for too much interpretation. We have seen in other jurisdictions misunderstanding of the application of these requirements. The impact of the tornado safe

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design is far reaching impacting all phases of a construction project where it is required. Costs increases are to be expected. While this portion of the code is concerned with public health and safety, the requirement for implementation should not be left open for interpretation or a big open discussion that a building Owner has to make a decision on.

2. Updated codes have introduced further inspection requirements for things like fire doors and exit doors. This is another additional expense added to construction costs and more professionals requiring fees. The logistics of obtaining another level of inspection on big and small projects presents difficulties, adds complexity to the completion of a project, potentially conflicts with local authority review, I can understand the intent, the logistics, execution and costs seem to exceed the intent.

From the current Indiana Building Code. There are a number of amendments all professionals have been working with for a number of years and even before that benefiting design and construction. Those amendments should again be considered and carried for to amend any new code. All of these amendments have been vetted at various times to be included as amendments and do not negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of the public. A couple that we are aware of in our area of the profession.

1. Unlimited building area for various occupancies with full fire protection systems and appropriate open space around the building.
 2. Classification of accessory and support occupancies as part of main occupancy of building. Most applicable to Educational occupancies.
 3. Determination of plumbing fixture counts via actual occupants versus projected occupant load.
- There are good common sense modifications included in the Indiana Amendments that should not be discarded without consideration when any new codes are adopted.

Thanks for the considerations

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