



Proposed Code Change
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Code	62.5.8-09

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Code Title 2009IRC		Edition 2009
Section number and title E3903.4 Storage or Equipment Spaces		Page
Proponent Steve Dean	Title VP of Homebuilding, Ryland Homes	
Address 9025 N River Rd. Indianapolis In 46240		Phone 317 710 2134
PROPOSED CODE CHANGE (Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete and substitute as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete without substitution		
<p>E3903.4 Storage or equipment spaces. In attics, under-floor spaces, utility rooms and basements, at least one lighting outlet shall be installed where these spaces are used for storage or contain equipment requiring servicing. Such lighting outlet shall be controlled by a wall switch or shall have an integral switch. At least one point of control shall be at the usual point of entry to these spaces. The lighting outlet shall be provided at or near the equipment requiring servicing. <u>For the purpose of lighting for equipment, piping, ducts and vents would not be considered as equipment.</u></p>		
REASON AND FISCAL IMPACT		
<p>Reason: See attached State interpretation dated July 15, 2008. Installing attic lights encourages people to store items in attics which are not designed for storage.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: Cost of the light is \$40 per home.</p>		
REVIEW RECOMMENDATION		
Approve		
Disapprove		
Approve as amended		
Further Study		



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July 15, 2008

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Re: Written Interpretation of a Building Law Under IC 22-13-5
Indiana Residential Code (675 IAC 14-4.3) Section E3803.4
Indiana Electrical Code (675 IAC 17-1.7) Section 210.70(A)(3)

Gentlemen :

I am writing in response to Mr. Weesner's email request dated July 14, 2008, in which he requested a written interpretation of the above referenced Code provisions as they apply to piping, ducts, and vents within the attic of a dwelling.

Both provisions read as follows: "At least one lighting outlet shall be installed where these spaces are used for storage or contain equipment requiring servicing. Such lighting outlet shall be controlled by a wall switch or shall have an integral switch. At least one point of control shall be at the usual point of entry to these spaces. The lighting outlet shall be provided at or near the equipment requiring servicing."

The definition of equipment in the Residential Code includes piping, ducts, and vents, as well as components of the electrical system and the utilization equipment of all systems.

Where equipment requires servicing, the provision of a lighting outlet is required. Piping, ducts, and vents, however, do not normally require servicing and are not equipment that causes the lighting outlet to be required.