



STATE OF WASHINGTON
STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

1. State Building Code to be Amended:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Building Code | <input type="checkbox"/> International Mechanical Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ICC ANSI A117.1 Accessibility Code | <input type="checkbox"/> International Fuel Gas Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Existing Building Code | <input type="checkbox"/> NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Residential Code | <input type="checkbox"/> NFPA 58 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Fire Code | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildland Urban Interface Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Plumbing Code | |

For the Washington State Energy Code, please see specialized [energy code forms](#)

Section(s): WAC 403

Title: High-rise buildings

2. Proponent Name (Specific local government, organization or individual):

Proponent: SBCC Building Code TAG

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Date: April 17, 2018

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4. Proposed Code Amendment.

Code(s) IBC Section(s) WAC 51-50-0403

Amend section to read as follows:

WAC 51-50-0403 Reserved

~~Section 403—High-rise buildings.~~

~~403.5.4 Smokeproof enclosures.~~ Every required ~~interior exit stairway~~ serving floors more than 75 feet (22,860 mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access shall be a ~~smokeproof enclosure~~ in accordance with Sections ~~909.20 and 1023.11.~~

~~EXCEPTION: Unless required by other sections of this code, portions of such stairways which extend to serve floors below the level of exit discharge need not comply with Sections 909.20 and 1023.11 provided the portion of the stairway below is separated from the level of exit discharge with a 1 hour fire barrier.~~

Note: Underlined and struck through text indicates changes from WAC 51-50-0427.

- 5. Briefly explain your proposed amendment, including the purpose, benefits and problems addressed.** Specifically note any impacts or benefits to business, and specify construction types, industries and services that would be affected. Finally, please note any potential impact on enforcement such as special reporting requirements or additional inspections required.

The 2018 IBC addresses this amendment.

- 6. Specify what criteria this proposal meets.** You may select more than one.

- The amendment is needed to address a critical life/safety need.
- The amendment is needed to address a specific state policy or statute.
- The amendment is needed for consistency with state or federal regulations.
- The amendment is needed to address a unique character of the state.
- The amendment corrects errors and omissions.

- 7. Is there an economic impact:** Yes No

Explain: Changes to the 2018 IBC address this 2015 requirement.