



# Code Amendment Proposal Application

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PROPOSED CODE LANGUAGE		
This proposed code amendment (check one):		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Amends</b> (code, edition, section): <b>IEBC 2009 907.3</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Adopts a new section</b> (code, edition): _____		
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Please use the following format to show additions and deletions from the code — strike through ~~deleted text~~, underline and bold **new text**.

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**Proposed language:**

**907.3.1 Compliance with the *International Building Code* level seismic forces.** Where a building or portion thereof is subject to a change of occupancy that results in the building being assigned to a higher occupancy category based on Table 1604.5 of the *International Building Code*; or where such change of occupancy results in a reclassification of a building to a higher hazard category as shown in Table 912.4; or where a change of a Group M occupancy to a Group A, E, I-1, R-1, R-2, or R-4 occupancy with two-thirds or more of the floors involved in Level 3 alteration work, the building shall comply with the requirements for *International Building Code* level seismic forces as specified in Section 101.5.4 for the new occupancy category. Table 907.3 or when the total building occupancy load is increased by more than 150 occupants, the building shall comply with the seismic improvement standards of Table 907.3 as defined in Section 101.5.4 for the new occupancy category.

**Exceptions:**

- ~~Group M occupancies being changed to Group A, E, I-1, R-1, R-2 or R-4 occupancies for buildings less than six stories in height and in Seismic Design Category A, B or C.~~
- Where approved by the code official, specific detailing provisions required for a new structure are not required to be met where it can be shown that an equivalent level of performance and seismic safety is obtained for the applicable occupancy category based on



the provisions for reduced *International Building Code* level seismic forces as specified in Section 101.5.4.2.

3. ~~Where the area of the new occupancy with a higher hazard category is less than or equal to 10 percent of the total building floor area and the new occupancy is not classified as Occupancy Category IV. For the purposes of this exception, buildings occupied by two or more occupancies not included in the same occupancy category, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 1604.5.1 of the *International Building Code*. The cumulative effect of the area of occupancy changes shall be considered for the purposes of this exception.~~
4. ~~Unreinforced masonry bearing wall buildings in Occupancy Category III when assigned to Seismic Design Category A or B shall be allowed to be strengthened to meet the requirements of Appendix Chapter A1 of this Code [Guidelines for the Seismic Retrofit of Existing Buildings (GSREB)].~~

<b>Relative Hazard<sup>b,c</sup></b>	<b>OSSC Occupancy Classification</b>	<b>Seismic Improvement Standard<sup>a</sup></b>
<u>1 (Highest Hazard)</u>	<u>A, E, I-2, I-3, H</u>	<u>101.5.4.1</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>R-1, R-2, R-4, SR, I-1, I-4</u>	
<u>3</u>	<u>B, M</u>	<u>101.5.4.2</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>F-1, F-2, S-1, S-2</u>	
<u>5 (Lowest Hazard)</u>	<u>R-3, U</u>	

**Notes:**

- a) Required improvements shall be made such that the entire building conforms to the indicated standard.
- b) Where the area of the new occupancy with a higher hazard category is less than or equal to 33 percent of the total building floor area, and the total occupant load for the building is not increased by more than 150 occupants (or 10% of the existing occupant load, whichever is greater), the building does not require structural improvement unless required by other provisions of this code.
- c) Where a change in occupancy results in the addition of more than 150 occupants to the building (or 10% of the existing occupant load, whichever is greater), the building shall be structurally improved based on the Seismic Improvement Standard for the occupancy classification of the majority of the added occupants.
- d) For the purposes of this section, multiple changes in occupancy and occupant load are considered cumulative. The cumulative effects of the building area occupancy changes and occupant load changes shall be considered based upon the established legal occupancy on October 1, 2008.