



November 20, 2007

**2008 Oregon Low-Rise Residential
Dwelling Code Adoption rule- mechanical
& structural provisions**

Opportunity for public input:

Those who would like to provide public testimony may attend a public hearing on November 20, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Building Codes Division, Conference Room A. Written comments may also be submitted to the contact below.

Purpose of the rule:

This [proposed rule](#) adopts the mechanical and structural provisions of the 2008 Oregon Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code (“Oregon Low-Rise Code”).

This proposed rule would be effective April 1, 2008.

Citation:

Amend: OAR 918-480.

History:

From February 15 to April 2, 2007, the division received code amendment proposals. The Residential Code Review Committee met eight times from May to August 2007. At these meetings, the committee reviewed model code changes from the 2006 International Residential Code (IRC), existing residential mechanical and structural Oregon amendments, new code amendment proposals, and existing statewide code interpretations and alternate method rulings.

The Residential Structures Board reviewed the Oregon Low-Rise Code on August 29 and September 25, 2007. On October 3, 2007, the board approved the code for adoption.

The Residential Structures Board will review the residential electrical and plumbing provisions of the Oregon Low-Rise Code beginning December 2007. This board’s work will be reviewed by the Electrical & Elevator Board and State Plumbing Board. A proposed public hearing is scheduled in January 2008 to receive public comments. If the work of the committees and boards goes as scheduled, the division will make a final decision regarding the Residential Structures Board’s recommendation by February 2008.

Contact:

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Hearing Officer Mike D. Ewert at (503) 373-7529, or mike.d.ewert@state.or.us.



**2008 OREGON LOW-RISE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING CODE-
MECHANICAL AND STRUCTURAL PROVISIONS' RULES**

**DIVISION 480
ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLING SPECIALTY CODE**

OAR 918-480-0005

Minimum Safety Standards for the Design and Construction of Residential Dwellings

(1) The **Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code**, identified in ORS 455.610, shall be known as the **Oregon Residential Specialty Code**.

(2) Effective April 1, 2008~~5~~, the **2008~~5~~ Oregon Residential Specialty Code** is the **2006~~3~~ Edition of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings**, as published by the International Code Council, Inc. and as further amended by the Building Codes Division.

(3) Applicability of code changes to pending applications. Code requirements in effect at the time a plan review or permit application is filed shall control the construction under the application unless the applicant agrees to be controlled by subsequent changes.

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency **for review at the division. See division Web site for information on purchasing publications.**]

Stat. Auth.: ORS **455.020, 455.030, 455.110, 455.380 &** 455.525 & ~~455.380~~

Stats. Implemented: ORS 455.610

Hist.: DC 11-1986, f. 6-30-86, ef. 7-1-86; DC 6-1987(Temp), f. & ef. 4-3-87; Renumbered from 814-031-0005; BCA 3-1990, f. 1-30-90, cert. ef. 4-1-90; BCA 7-1990(Temp), f. 3-23-90, cert. ef. 4-1-90; BCA 21-1990, f. 8-28-90, cert. ef. 9-24-90; BCA 30-1990, f. 12-21-90, cert. ef. 1-1-92; BCA 8-1991, f. 4-10-91, cert. ef. 7-1-91; BCA 32-1991(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 9-30-91; BCA 1-1992, f. & cert. ef. 2-6-91; BCA 4-1992(Temp), f. 3-4-92, cert. ef. 3-5-92; BCA 6-1992, f. 3-24-92, cert. ef. 3-27-92; BCA 13-1992, f. 6-29-92, cert. ef. 7-1-92; BCA 28-1992(Temp), f. 12-30-92, cert. ef. 1-1-93; BCA 3-1993(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 3-3-93; BCA 7-1993, f. 4-28-93, cert. ef. 5-1-93; BCA 10-1993(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 6-11-93; BCD 3-1996, f. 2-2-96, cert. ef. 4-1-96; BCD 19-1998, f. 9-30-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98, Renumbered from 918-480-0000; BCD 3-2000, f. 1-14-00 cert. ef. 4-1-00; BCD 33-2002, f. 12-20-02 cert. ef. 4-1-03; BCD 15-2004, f. 9-10-04, cert. ef. 10-1-04; BCD 5-2005, f. & cert. ef. 3-28-05