

**Oregon**  
**Interpretive Ruling No. 93-55**  
**PERMIT APPLICATION/PLAN APPROVAL**

**Requested By:** PPPI MANUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

**QUESTION**

What effect does a code change have on a building under construction? What effect does a code change have on plans and permit applications received by the Building Official before a code change?

**APPLICABLE CODE SECTIONS**

1993 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC), Section 104(c), 301, 302,303 and One and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code (Dwelling Code), Section R-116.

**BACKGROUND**

Both the OSSC and Dwelling Code provide the answers to the above question, but there may still be some confusion. This interpretation was written to help eliminate the confusion.

**FINDINGS**

This interpretation is authorized by ORS 455.060, Rulings on Acceptability of Materials, Designs or Methods of Construction and Attorney General's Opinion OP-5208 issued October 1, 1981, which advised the statute permits authoritative interpretations of existing code requirements.

**DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION**

Plan or building permit applications are subject to the code in effect on the date such documents are received by the Building Official.

The building shall be constructed to completion under the permit issued. Approved plans or permits shall not be changed, modified, or altered without authorization from the Building Official.

The permittee may request approval to use new code provisions, but these changes must first be authorized by the Building Official under sections 105 in the OSSC or R-108 in the Dwelling Code.

Code changes made during the building construction shall not change the terms of plan approval or permit.

Interpretive Ruling 93-55 replaces PPPI-4001.

(signed November 17, 1993)

John Talbott, Chairman  
Structural Code Advisory Board

The recommendations and findings of the Structural Code Advisory Board are accepted and the conclusions are adopted.

(signed November 17, 1993)

Gary Wicks, Administrator  
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