**15-033**

**1. State Building Code to be Amended:**

International Building Code  State Energy Code

ICC ANSI A117.1 Accessibility Code  International Mechanical Code

International Existing Building Code  International Fuel Gas Code

International Residential Code  NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code

X International Fire Code  NFPA 58 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code

Uniform Plumbing Code  Wildland Urban Interface Code

**Section(s): 3103.5**

**Title: Use period (for temporary structures)**

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

**Proponent: Washington Association of Building Officials**

**Title:**

**Date: February 25, 2015**

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**4. Proposed Code Amendment**. Reproduce the section to be amended by underlining all added language, striking through all deleted language. Insert new sections in the appropriate place in the code in order to continue the established numbering system of the code. If more than one section is proposed for amendment or more than one page is needed for reproducing the affected section of the code additional pages may be attached. (Examples on the SBCC [website](https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/apps/sbcc/Page.aspx?nid=191))

**Code(s)** International Fire Code **Section(s)** 3103.5

Amend section to read as follows:

**3103.5 Use period.** Temporary tents, air-supported, air-inflated or tensioned membrane structures ~~shall~~ ~~not~~ are permitted to be erected for a period of ~~more~~ less than 180 days within a 12-month period on a single premises. Such structures erected for 180 days or more within a 12-month period shall comply with the IBC.

1. **Briefly explain your proposed amendment, including the purpose, benefits and problems addressed.**

IBC Section 3103.1 directs us to the IFC for provisions that apply to tents and membrane structures “erected for a period less than 180 days.” But IFC Section 3103.5 says it applies to tents and membrane structures erected for up to and including day 180 (“… shall not be erected for a period of more than 180 days…”) The wording is conflicting for day 180. Tents erected for 180 days or more are regulated by the IBC not IFC.

To be accurate according to what the IBC requires the IFC should say “Temporary tents, air-inflated or tensioned membrane structures shall not be erected for a period of more than 179 days within a 12-month period on a single premise.”

1. **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.

X The amendment corrects errors and omissions.

1. **Is there an economic impact:**  Yes     X No

Explain: This proposal resolves an inconsistency between 2 codes.

If there is an economic impact, use the Table below to estimate the costs and savings of the proposal on construction practices, users and/or the public, the enforcement community, and operation and maintenance. If preferred, you may submit an alternate cost benefit analysis.

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| Building Type | Construction[[1]](#footnote-1) | | Enforcement[[2]](#footnote-2) | | Operations & Maintenance[[3]](#footnote-3) | |
| Costs | Benefits[[4]](#footnote-4) | Costs | Benefits4 | Costs | Benefits4 |
| Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single family |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Multi-family |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial/Retail |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Institutional |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Please send your completed proposal to: [sbcc@ga.wa.gov](mailto:sbcc@ga.wa.gov)

All questions must be answered to be considered complete. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted.

1. $ / square foot of floor area or other cost. Attach data. **Construction** costs are costs prior to occupancy, and include both design and direct construction costs

   that impact the total cost of the construction to the owner/consumer. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Cost per project plan. Attach data. **Enforcement** costs include governmental review of plans, field inspection, and other action required for enforcement. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Cost to building owner/tenants over the life of the project. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Measurable benefit. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)