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Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 23-27.3-109.1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws, the Building Code Standards Committee hereby gives notice of its intent to amend RISBC-19 Fuel Gas Code.

The purpose of this amendment is to update the existing code to incorporate the publication of the International Code Council model regulation

The proposed regulation and concise summary of non-technical amendments OR concise summary of non-technical differences between existing and proposed new rules are available for public inspection in person at Building Code Commission, One Capitol Hill, Providence, R.I. 02908, or requested by email JEnos@gw.doa.state.ri.us or by calling Jeanne M. Enos 401-222-1129.

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed regulations by the date of public hearing. At the Rhode Island Building Code Standards Committee, One Capitol Hill Providence, Rhode Island 02908. A public hearing to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at One Capitol Hill, Conference Room A, Providence Rhode Island 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The room is accessible to the disabled and interpreter services for the hearing impaired will be provided if requested 48 hours prior to the hearing. Requests for this service can be made in writing or by calling 401-222-1129.

**RHODE ISLAND
STATE BUILDING CODE**

SBC-19 State Fuel Gas Code

Effective [July 1, 2010](#)

Replaces SBC-19-2004
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**Regulation SBC-19
State Fuel Gas Code
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The Building Code Standards Committee, in accordance with the rule making authority of Title 23, Chapter 23-27.3, Section 109.1, paragraphs a through c inclusive, has formally adopted and promulgated as the Rhode Island State Building Code, the provisions of the International Fuel Gas Code, 2009 edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc. (I.C.C.), together with amendments thereto hereinafter set forth to the articles and sections of this code:

The provisions of Title 23, Chapter 27.3 of the General Laws of Rhode Island establishing administration and enforcement are hereby incorporated by reference. Regulatory Administration Chapter 1 immediately follows and is supplemental to the General Laws.

Editorial Note: Code users please note:

When purchasing or using the State Fuel Gas 2009 code, please take note of the particular printing edition. Errata to that printing edition is available on-line directly at no charge at www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/errata.html or call the office of the State Building Code Commissioner at 401-222-1129 for further information.

Printed copies of the administrative and enforcement provisions of Title 23, Chapter 27.3 are available at the Office of the State Building Code Commission or on-line at www.rilim.state.ri.us/statutes/title23/23_27.3/index.htm.

The State Fuel Gas Code, 2010 Edition, is protected by the copyright that has been issued to the ICC. As a result, the State Building Code is not available in complete form to the public in an electronic format. The State Fuel Gas Code 2010 edition that is referred to within is contained in a printed volume and is also in an electronic format that have been published by the ICC under an exclusive license.

The Office of the State Building Code Commissioner has purchased volumes of these codes and they shall be distributed to Rhode Island cities and towns during the month of June 2010 so that local officials will have access to the code prior to the implementation of these rules on July 1, 2010.

In order to assure public access to this code the Office of the State Building Code Commissioner shall provide a copy of this code to the Rhode Island State Library, which is located on the second floor of the State House. In addition, all codes may be viewed during business hours at the Department of Administration's Library which is located on the fourth floor of the William E. Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence.

*The Legislative Regulation Committee approved adoption of this code on **to be determined**.*

By:

John P. Leyden

Executive Secretary

Rhode Island Building Code Standards Committee

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STATE BUILDING CODE REGULATIONS – 2010

The following list includes all regulations promulgated by the State Building Code Standards Committee. All regulations are available for a fee at the State Building Commission.

1.	Building Code.....	SBC-1-2010
2.	One and Two Dwelling Family Dwelling Code.....	SBC-2-2010
3.	Plumbing Code.....	SBC-3-2010
4.	Mechanical Code.....	SBC-4-2010
5.	Electrical Code.....	SBC-5-2008
6.	<u>Property Maintenance Code.....</u>	<u>SBC-6-2010</u>
7.	Reserved	SBC-7
8.	State Energy Code.....	SBC-8-2007
9.	Enforcement and Implementation Procedures for Projects Under the Jurisdiction of the State of Rhode Island.....	SBC-9
10.	Code Interpretations.....	SBC-10
11.	Certification of Building Officials, Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors.....	SBC-11-2010
12.	New Materials and Methods of Construction.....	SBC-12
13.	State Building Code For Existing Schools.....	SBC-13
14.	Reserved	
15.	Reserved	
16.	Reserved	
17.	Public Buildings Accessibility Meeting Standards.....	SBC-17
18.	Native Lumber.....	SBC-18
19.	Fuel Gas Code.....	SBC-19-2010

Format: These code changes follow numbering sequence and topics of the International Fuel Gas Code 2009 (first printing). All Provisions of IFGC 2010 are retained unless indicated as deleted or revised. Published errata is available from the ICC website dependent on this printing issue number and date.

Chapter 1

ADMINISTRATION

The following Rhode Island amendments are made to the sections of Chapter 1:

Delete IFG Code section 101.1 Title, and substitute the following:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as The Rhode Island State Fuel Gas Code Regulation SBC-19-2010 hereafter referred to as " this code"

Add the following new section 101.1.1 referenced codes.

101.1.1 Referenced Codes. The other codes referenced elsewhere in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference.

1. Electrical. The provisions of Rhode Island State Electrical Code SBC-5-2008 shall apply wherever referenced in this code as the ICC Electrical Code, and shall apply to the installation of electrical systems, including alterations, repairs, replacement, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings, and appurtenances thereto.

2. Mechanical. The provisions of the Rhode Island State Mechanical Code SBC-4-2010 shall apply wherever referenced in this code as the International Mechanical Code and shall apply to the installation, alterations, repairs and replacement of mechanical systems, including equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and/or appurtenances, including ventilating, heating, cooling, air-conditioning and refrigeration systems, incinerators and other energy-related systems.

3. Plumbing. The provisions of Rhode Island State Plumbing Code SBC-3-2010 shall apply wherever referenced in this code as the International Plumbing Code, and shall apply to the installation, alteration, repair and replacement of plumbing systems, including equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances, and where connected to a water or sewage system and all aspects of a medical gas system.

4. Property Maintenance. ~~Refer to state or local codes.~~ The provisions of the Rhode Island State Property Maintenance Code SBC-6-2010 Provides requirements for continued use and maintenance buildings and property, and of related plumbing, mechanical, electrical and fire protection systems in existing residential and non-residential structures.

5. **Fire Prevention Code.** Wherever and whenever provisions of the International Fire Code 2003 editions are referenced, the appropriate Rhode Island Fire Safety Code requirements shall apply.
6. **Energy Code.** The provisions of the Rhode Island State Energy Conservation Code SBC-8-2010 shall apply wherever referenced in this code as International Energy Conservation Code, and shall apply to all matters governing the design, [alteration](#) and construction of buildings and [systems](#) for energy efficiency.
7. **Building Code.** The provisions of the Rhode Island State Building Code SBC-1-2010 shall apply wherever referenced in this code as the International Building Code.
8. **Residential Code.** The provisions of the Rhode Island One and Two Family Dwelling Code SBC-2-2010 shall apply wherever referenced in this code as the International Residential Code.
9. **Existing Building Code.** The provisions of the State Building Codes SBC-1-2010 in conjunction with the State Rehabilitation Code SRC-1 and the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code shall apply wherever referenced in this code as the International Existing Building Code.

Any and all such references to the various International Code Council family of code shall be substituted for the appropriate state code as indicated above.

101.2.4 Systems and equipment outside the scope.

Delete exception #9 and substitute the following:

9. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) installations shall be installed in accordance with this code and the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code.

Delete IFG Code section 101.3 and substitute the following:

101.3 Appendices. Provisions in the appendices are permitted to be used for determining compliance to this code.

Delete IFG Code sections 103, ~~104, 106.4.3 through 106.5.3~~ [through 106](#) and 108 through 109.

CHAPTER 3

Section 303 Appliance Location

~~303.3.6~~ 303.3 **Add the following new exception:**

(6) Gas fired appliances may be installed in loft or open efficiency type apartments when there is a sleeping area not a sleeping room. The installation of appliances must comply with section 304.5 for combustion air required volume and the manufacturers' installation instructions.

310.1.1 Delete and Substitute the following:

310.1.1 CSST Corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) gas piping systems requiring bonding by its installation instructions shall not be allowed in RI.

Chapter 4

401.2 Delete 401.2 and substitute the following:

401.2 Liquefied Petroleum Gas & Storage.

The storage system for liquefied petroleum gas shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 58 and the following.

401.2.1

For LNG facilities exceeding 1,000 gallons equivalent water capacity structural engineering design by a licensed RI professional engineer shall include explicit analyses of seismic, storm, and hurricane impacts including combined wind and storm surge effects on tank, facility, dock and other associated structure and underlying foundation, pilings, piers, footings or other associated supports or ground connections.

401.2.2

Spill leak, escape and other failure analyses shall include mapping of impacts on surrounding existing structures and build able parcels to the distance determined by the engineer of record to delimit potential flame or heat impacts that could potentially impact tenability and structural stability of structures, whether adjacent to or beyond the LNG facility site. Such impacts shall be with respect to worse-case spill or release scenarios, not less than 14,000 cubic meters of LNG.

401.2.3

Site-specific analyses shall be performed of potential adverse impacts within the distance determined by the engineer of record to delimit potential flame or heat impacts on tenability or stability of all facilities that house occupants of reduced independent mobility. Such occupancies include but are not limited to elderly housing, healthcare facilities, schools, and daycare facilities.

401.2.4

The RI Building Code Board of Appeals shall review each application for such an installation where it or its associated docking facilities are located on state land, coastal land, state waters, or fill areas formerly part of state waters.

~~404.1 Delete 404.1 and substitute the following:~~

~~**404.1 Prohibited locations.** Piping shall not be installed in or through a circulating air duct, clothes chute, chimney or gas vent, ventilating duct, dumbwaiter or elevator shaft.~~

Chapter 6

M614.6.6 Delete and substitute the following:

M614.6.6 Length identification. The maximum length of dryer duct may exceed 35' when a permanent placard, measuring a minimum 5" wide, 3" high, and 1/8" thick, and constructed of either wood, metal, or rigid plastic, and bearing raised or embossed lettering stating the following: **“WARNING: THE EFFECTIVE LENGTH OF THIS DRYER DUCT IS xxx FEET. ANY DRYER CONNECTED TO THIS EXHAUST DUCT MUST BE RATED TO USE AN EXHAUST DUCT OF THIS LENGTH, PER THE MANUFACTURERS SPECICATIONS, SEVERE RISK OF FIRE MAY RESULT FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THIS NOTICE.”**

The provisions of M102.4 shall be used in establishing the effective length of the ductwork installed and noted on the placard. The placard shall be permanently attached to the wall or floor within 6" of the terminus of the duct.