CHAPTER

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# **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

## User notes:

About this chapter:

Chapter 3 is broad in scope and includes a variety of requirements for the maintenance of exterior property areas, as well as the interior and exterior elements of the structure, that are intended to maintain a minimum level of safety and sanitation for both the general public and the occupants of a structure, and to maintain a building's structural and weather-resistance performance. Specifically, Chapter 3 contains criteria for the maintenance of building components; vacant structures and land; the safety, sanitation and appearance of the interior and exterior of structures and all exterior property areas; accessory structures; extermination of insects and rodents; access barriers to swimming pools, spas and hot tubs; vehicle storage and owner/occupant responsibilities.

#### **SECTION 301—GENERAL**

**301.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum conditions and the responsibilities of *persons* for maintenance of *structures*, equipment and *exterior property*.

**301.2 Responsibility.** The *owner* of the *premises* shall maintain the *structures* and *exterior property* in compliance with these requirements and the code under which the building was constructed, except as otherwise provided for in this code. The *owner* or owner's agent shall be responsible to ensure that any repairs, additions or alterations to the building or portion thereof are performed or constructed in accordance with the *Building Code of New York State*, *Residential Code of New York State* or *Existing Building Code of New York State*. A *person* shall not occupy as *owner-occupant* or permit another *person* to occupy *premises* that are not in a sanitary and safe condition and that do not comply with the requirements of this chapter. *Occupants* of a *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* are responsible for keeping in a clean, sanitary and safe condition that part of the *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit*, *housekeeping unit* or *premises* they occupy and control.

[NY] 301.3 Vacant structures and land. Vacant structures, premises, and portions thereof, or vacant land shall be maintained in a clean, safe, secure and sanitary condition as provided herein so as not to cause a blighting problem or adversely affect the public health or safety.

#### **SECTION 302—EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS**

**302.1 Sanitation.** Exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property that such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

**302.2 Grading and drainage.** *Premises* shall be graded and maintained to prevent the erosion of soil and to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or within any *structure* located thereon.

**Exception:** Approved retention areas and reservoirs.

**302.3 Sidewalks and driveways.** Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

[NY] 302.4 Weeds. Except as provided for in statute, local law, ordinance, or other regulations, all developed areas of a *premises* that are intended to be used by building *occupants* or the public shall be maintained free from *weeds* in excess of 10 inches (254 mm). Noxious *weeds* shall be prohibited.

**302.5 Rodent harborage.** Structures and exterior property shall be kept free from rodent harborage and infestation. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes that will not be injurious to human health. After pest elimination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent reinfestation.

**302.6 Exhaust vents.** Pipes, ducts, conductors, fans or blowers shall not discharge gases, steam, vapor, hot air, grease, smoke, odors or other gaseous or particulate wastes directly on abutting or adjacent public or private property or that of another *tenant*.

**302.7 Accessory structures.** Accessory *structures*, including detached garages, fences and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.

[NY] 302.8 Motor vehicles. Except as provided for in statute, local law, ordinance or other regulations, not more than one *inoperable motor vehicle* shall be parked, kept or stored on any *premises*, and no motor vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of motor vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an *approved* spray booth.

**Exception:** A motor vehicle of any type is permitted to be stored or undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed or the motor vehicle is stored inside a *structure* or similarly enclosed area designed and *approved* for such purposes.

**302.9 Defacement of property.** A *person* shall not willfully or wantonly damage, mutilate or deface any exterior surface of any *structure* or building on any private or public property by placing thereon any marking, carving or graffiti.

It shall be the responsibility of the owner to restore said surface to an approved state of maintenance and repair.

## **SECTION 303—SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS**

[NY] 303.1 Swimming pools. Swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas, including their associated enclosures, alarms, and entrapment protection, shall be installed in accordance with sections 303.2 through 303.4 and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.

[NY] 303.2 Enclosures. In order to provide protection against potential drowning and near drowning, all *swimming pools*, spas, and hot tubs shall be provided with a permanent enclosure that restricts access to *swimming pools*, spas and hot tubs, in compliance with this section. Enclosures for *swimming pools*, spas, and hot tubs which are situated on the premises of dwellings regulated under *Residential Code of New York State*, and detached dwellings classified as R-3 and constructed under the *Building Code of New York State* shall be in compliance with Section R328 of the *Residential Code of New York State*. Enclosures for all other *swimming pools*, spas, and hot tubs shall be in compliance with Section 3109 of the *Building Code of New York State*.

**Exception:** Swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas that have a permanent barrier installed and maintained in accordance with the barrier requirements of the version of the *Uniform Code* in effect at the time of the installation shall be deemed to be in compliance with this section.

**[NY] 303.3 Swimming pool, hot tub, and spa alarms.** A swimming pool, hot tub, or spa installed, constructed or substantially modified after December 14, 2006, shall be equipped with an approved pool alarm in compliance with Section R328.6 of the *Residential Code of New York State* or Section R3109.5 of the *Building Code of New York State*.

# **Exceptions:**

- 1. A hot tub or spa equipped with a safety cover that complies with ASTM F1346.
- 2. A swimming pool (other than a hot tub or spa) equipped with an automatic power safety cover that complies with ASTM F1346.

[NY] 303.4 Entrapment protection for swimming pools and spas. Swimming pools and spas shall maintain body entrapment protections for suction outlets in accordance with the Building Code of New York State or the Residential Code of New York State, as applicable.

## **SECTION 304—EXTERIOR STRUCTURE**

**304.1 General.** The exterior of a *structure* shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

**304.1.1 Potentially unsafe conditions.** The following conditions shall be considered to be potentially unsafe, shall be assessed and shall be addressed in compliance with the *Existing Building Code of New York State*, the *Residential Code of New York State* or the *Building Code of New York State*:

- 1. Structural members have deterioration or distress that appears to reduce their load-carrying capacity.
- 2. The *anchorage* of the floor or roof to walls or columns, and of walls and columns to foundations has *deterioration* or distress that appears to reduce its load-carrying capacity.
- 3. Structures or components thereof have deterioration or distress that appears to reduce their load-carrying capacity.
- 4. Siding and masonry joints including joints between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors and skylights are not maintained, weather resistant or watertight.
- 5. Foundation systems that are not firmly supported by footings, are not plumb and free from open cracks and breaks, are not properly *anchored* or are not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
- 6. Exterior walls that are not *anchored* to supporting and supported elements or are not plumb and free of holes, cracks or breaks and loose or rotting materials, are not properly *anchored* or are not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
- 7. Roofing or roofing components that have defects that admit rain, roof surfaces with inadequate drainage, or any portion of the roof framing that is not in good repair with signs of *deterioration*, fatigue or without proper *anchorage* and incapable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
- 8. Flooring and flooring components with defects that affect serviceability or flooring components that show signs of *deterioration* or fatigue, are not properly *anchored* or are incapable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects
- 9. Veneer, cornices, belt courses, corbels, trim, wall facings and similar decorative features not properly *anchored* or that are *anchored* with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
- 10. Overhang extensions or projections including, but not limited to, trash chutes, canopies, marquees, signs, awnings, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts not properly *anchored* or that are *anchored* with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
- 11. Exterior stairs, decks, porches, balconies and all similar appurtenances attached thereto, including *guards* and handrails, are not structurally sound, not properly *anchored* or that are *anchored* with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
- 12. Chimneys, cooling towers, smokestacks and similar appurtenances not structurally sound or not properly *anchored*, or that are *anchored* with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.

## **Exceptions:**

- 1. Where substantiated otherwise by an approved method.
- 2. Demolition of unsafe conditions shall be permitted where approved by the code official.

**304.2 Protective treatment.** Exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences, shall be maintained in good condition. Exterior wood surfaces, other than decay-resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted. Siding and masonry joints, as well as those between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors and skylights, shall be maintained weather resistant and water tight. Metal surfaces subject to rust or corrosion shall be coated to inhibit such rust and corrosion, and surfaces with rust or corrosion shall be stabilized and coated to inhibit future rust and corrosion. Oxidation stains shall be removed from exterior surfaces. Surfaces designed for stabilization by oxidation are exempt from this requirement.

[NY] 304.2.1 Lead-based paint. In addition to requirements of this code, 40 CFR 745 (titled "Lead-based Paint Poisoning Prevention in Certain Residential Structures"), a regulation issued and enforced by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, applies to certain activities in buildings that may contain lead-based paint, including renovations performed for compensation in "target housing" and "child-occupied facilities," "abatement" of lead-based paint hazards and other "lead-based paint activities" (as those terms are defined in 40 CFR Part 745).

[NY] 304.3 Address identification. New and existing buildings shall be provided with approved address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of  $^{1}/_{2}$  inch (12.7 mm). Where required by the fire code official, address identification shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the *structure*. Address identification shall be maintained.

**Exception:** Buildings subject to address identification requirements as part of a countywide 911 numbering system that allows first responders to identify the address when responding.

- **304.4 Structural members.** Structural members shall be maintained free from *deterioration*, and shall be capable of safely supporting the imposed dead and live loads.
- **304.5 Foundation walls.** Foundation walls shall be maintained plumb and free from open cracks and breaks and shall be kept in such condition so as to prevent the entry of rodents and other pests.
- **304.6 Exterior walls.** Exterior walls shall be free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials; and maintained weatherproof and properly surface coated where required to prevent *deterioration*.
- **304.7 Roofs and drainage.** The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not have defects that admit rain. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent dampness or *deterioration* in the walls or interior portion of the *structure*. Roof drains, gutters and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions. Roof water shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.
- **304.8 Decorative features.** Cornices, belt courses, corbels, terra cotta trim, wall facings and similar decorative features shall be maintained in good repair with proper *anchorage* and in a safe condition.
- **304.9 Overhang extensions.** Overhang extensions including, but not limited to, canopies, marquees, signs, metal awnings, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts shall be maintained in good repair and be properly *anchored* so as to be kept in a sound condition. Where required, all exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.
- **304.10 Stairways, decks, porches and balconies.** Every exterior stairway, deck, porch and balcony, and all appurtenances attached thereto, shall be maintained structurally sound, in good repair, with proper *anchorage* and capable of supporting the imposed loads.
- **304.11 Chimneys and towers.** Chimneys, cooling towers, smoke stacks, and similar appurtenances shall be maintained structurally safe and sound, and in good repair. Exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.
- **304.12 Handrails and guards.** Every handrail and *guard* shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.
- **304.13 Window, skylight and door frames.** Every window, skylight, door and frame shall be kept in sound condition, good repair and weathertight.
  - **304.13.1 Glazing.** Glazing materials shall be maintained free from cracks and holes.
  - **304.13.2 Openable windows.** Every window, other than a fixed window, shall be easily openable and capable of being held in position by window hardware.
- **[NY] 304.14 Insect screens.** During the period from May 15 to September 15, every door, window and other outside opening required for *ventilation* of habitable rooms, food preparation areas, food service areas or any areas where products to be included or utilized in food for human consumption are processed, manufactured, packaged or stored shall be supplied with *approved* tightly fitting screens of minimum 16 mesh per inch (16 mesh per 25 mm), and every screen door used for insect control shall have a self-closing device in good working condition.

**Exception:** Screens shall not be required where other *approved* means, such as air curtains or insect repellent fans, are employed.

**304.15 Doors.** Exterior doors, door assemblies, operator systems if provided, and hardware shall be maintained in good condition. Locks at all entrances to *dwelling units* and *sleeping units* shall tightly secure the door. Locks on means of egress doors shall be in accordance with Section 702.3.

**304.16 Basement hatchways.** Every *basement* hatchway shall be maintained to prevent the entrance of rodents, rain and surface drainage water.

**304.17 Guards for basement windows.** Every *basement* window that is openable shall be supplied with rodent shields, storm windows or other *approved* protection against the entry of rodents.

**304.18 Building security.** Doors, windows or hatchways for *dwelling units*, room units or *housekeeping units* shall be provided with devices designed to provide security for the *occupants* and property within.

**304.18.1 Doors.** Doors providing access to an individual *dwelling unit, rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* that is rented, leased or *let* where equipped with a deadbolt lock, the deadbolt shall be designed to be readily openable from the side from which egress is to be made without the need for keys, special knowledge or effort and shall have a minimum lock throw of 1 inch (25 mm). Such deadbolt locks shall be installed according to the manufacturer's specifications and maintained in good working order. For the purpose of this section, a sliding bolt shall not be considered an acceptable deadbolt lock.

**304.18.2 Windows.** Operable windows located in whole or in part within 6 feet (1828 mm) above ground level or a walking surface below that provide access to a *dwelling unit, rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* that is rented, leased or *let* shall be equipped with a window sash locking device.

**304.18.3 Basement hatchways.** *Basement* hatchways that provide access to a *dwelling unit, rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* that is rented, leased or *let* shall be equipped with devices that secure the units from unauthorized entry.

**304.19 Gates.** Exterior gates, gate assemblies, operator systems if provided, and hardware shall be maintained in good condition. Latches at all entrances shall tightly secure the gates.

#### SECTION 305—INTERIOR STRUCTURE

**305.1 General.** The interior of a *structure* and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition. *Occupants* shall keep that part of the *structure* that they occupy or control in a clean and sanitary condition. Every *owner* of a *structure* containing a *rooming house, housekeeping units*, a hotel, a dormitory, two or more *dwelling units* or two or more nonresidential *occupancies*, shall maintain, in a clean and sanitary condition, the shared or public areas of the *structure* and *exterior property*.

**305.1.1 Potentially unsafe conditions.** The following conditions shall be considered to be potentially unsafe, shall be assessed and shall be addressed in compliance with the *Existing Building Code of New York State*, the *Residential Code of New York State* or the *Building Code of New York State*:

- 1. Structural members have deterioration or distress that appears to reduce their load-carrying capacity.
- 2. The *anchorage* of the floor or roof to walls or columns, and of walls and columns to foundations has *deterioration* or distress that appears to reduce its load-carrying capacity.
- 3. Structures or components thereof have deterioration or distress that appears to reduce their load-carrying capacity.
- Stairs, landings, balconies and all similar walking surfaces, including guards and handrails, are not structurally sound, not properly anchored or are anchored with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
- 5. Foundation systems that are not firmly supported by footings are not plumb and free from open cracks and breaks, are not properly *anchored* or are not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.

## **Exceptions:**

- 1. Where substantiated otherwise by an approved method.
- 2. Demolition of unsafe conditions shall be permitted where approved by the code official.

**305.2 Structural members.** Structural members shall be maintained structurally sound, and be capable of supporting the imposed loads.

**305.3 Interior surfaces.** Interior surfaces, including windows and doors, shall be maintained in good, clean and sanitary condition. Peeling, chipping, flaking or abraded paint shall be repaired, removed or covered. Cracked or loose plaster, decayed wood and other defective surface conditions shall be corrected.

[NY] 305.3.1 Lead-based paint. In addition to requirements of this code, 40 CFR 745 (titled "Lead-based Paint Poisoning Prevention in Certain Residential Structures"), a regulation issued and enforced by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, applies to certain activities in buildings that may contain lead-based paint, including renovations performed for compensation in "target housing" and "child-occupied facilities," "abatement" of lead-based paint hazards and other "lead-based paint activities" (as those terms are defined in 40 CFR Part 745).

**305.4 Stairs and walking surfaces.** Every stair, ramp, landing, balcony, porch, deck or other walking surface shall be maintained in sound condition and good repair.

**305.5 Handrails and guards.** Every handrail and *guard* shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.

**305.6 Interior doors.** Every interior door shall fit reasonably well within its frame and shall be capable of being opened and closed by being properly and securely attached to jambs, headers or tracks as intended by the manufacturer of the attachment hardware.

#### SECTION 306—COMPONENT SERVICEABILITY

**306.1 General.** The components of a *structure* and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition.

**306.1.1 Potentially unsafe conditions.** Where any of the following conditions cause the component or system to be beyond its limit state, the component or system shall be considered to be unsafe and shall be addressed in compliance with the *Existing Building Code of New York State*, the *Residential Code of New York State* or the *Building Code of New York State*:

- 1. Soils that have been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 1.1. Collapse of footing or foundation system.
  - 1.2. Damage to footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to soil expansion.
  - 1.3. Adverse effects to the design strength of footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to a chemical reaction from the soil.
  - 1.4. Inadequate soil as determined by a geotechnical investigation.
  - 1.5. Where the allowable bearing capacity of the soil is in doubt.
  - 1.6. Adverse effects to the footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to the ground water table.
- 2. Concrete that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 2.1. Deterioration.
  - 2.2. Ultimate deformation.
  - 2.3. Fractures.
  - 2.4. Fissures.
  - 2.5. Spalling.
  - 2.6. Exposed reinforcement.
  - 2.7. Detached, dislodged or failing connections.
- 3. Aluminum that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 3.1. Deterioration.
  - 3.2. Corrosion.
  - 3.3. Elastic deformation.
  - 3.4. Ultimate deformation.
  - 3.5. Stress or strain cracks.
  - 3.6. Joint fatigue.
  - 3.7. Detached, dislodged or failing connections.
- 4. Masonry that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 4.1. Deterioration.
  - 4.2. Ultimate deformation.
  - 4.3. Fractures in masonry or mortar joints.
  - 4.4. Fissures in masonry or mortar joints.
  - 4.5. Spalling.
  - 4.6. Exposed reinforcement.
  - 4.7. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.
- 5. Steel that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 5.1. Deterioration.
  - 5.2. Elastic deformation.
  - 5.3. Ultimate deformation.
  - 5.4. Metal fatigue.
  - 5.5. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.
- 6. Wood that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 6.1. Ultimate deformation.
  - 6.2. Deterioration.
  - 6.3. Damage from insects, rodents and other vermin.
  - 6.4. Fire damage beyond charring.

- 6.5. Significant splits and checks.
- 6.6. Horizontal shear cracks.
- 6.7. Vertical shear cracks.
- 6.8. Inadequate support.
- 6.9. Detached, dislodged or failing connections.
- 6.10. Excessive cutting and notching.

## **Exceptions:**

- 1. Where substantiated otherwise by an approved method.
- 2. Demolition of unsafe conditions shall be permitted where approved by the code official.

## **SECTION 307—HANDRAILS AND GUARDRAILS**

- 307.1 Handrails. Stairs having more than four risers shall have a handrail on one side of the stair.
  - **307.1.1 Height.** Handrails shall be not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in height or more than 42 inches (1067 mm) in height measured vertically above the nosing of the tread or above the finished floor of the landing or walking surfaces.
- **307.2 Guards.** Shall be provided along open-sided walking surfaces, including balconies, porches, decks, stairs, ramps and landings, that are more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor or grade below.

**Exception:** Guards shall not be required where exempted by the adopted building code.

307.2.1 Height. Guards shall be not less than 30 inches (762 mm) high.

## **SECTION 308—RUBBISH AND GARBAGE**

- **308.1** Accumulation of rubbish or garbage. Exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.
- **308.2 Disposal of rubbish.** Every *occupant* of a *structure* shall dispose of all *rubbish* in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such *rubbish* in *approved* containers.
  - **308.2.1 Rubbish storage facilities.** The *owner* of every occupied *premises* shall supply *approved* covered containers for *rubbish*, and the *owner* of the *premises* shall be responsible for the removal of *rubbish*.
  - **308.2.2 Refrigerators.** Refrigerators and similar equipment not in operation shall not be discarded, abandoned or stored on *premises* without first removing the doors.
- **308.3 Disposal of garbage.** Every *occupant* of a *structure* shall dispose of *garbage* in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such *garbage* in an *approved garbage* disposal facility or *approved garbage* containers.
  - **308.3.1 Garbage facilities.** The *owner* of every dwelling shall supply one of the following: an *approved* mechanical food waste grinder in each *dwelling unit*; an *approved* incinerator unit in the *structure* available to the *occupants* in each *dwelling unit*; or an *approved* leakproof, covered, outside *garbage* container.
  - **308.3.2 Containers.** The *operator* of every establishment producing *garbage* shall provide, and at all times cause to be utilized, *approved* leakproof containers provided with close-fitting covers for the storage of such materials until removed from the *premises* for disposal.

# **SECTION 309—PEST ELIMINATION**

- **309.1 Infestation.** Structures shall be kept free from insect and rodent *infestation*. Structures in which insects or rodents are found shall be promptly exterminated by *approved* processes that will not be injurious to human health. After *pest elimination*, proper precautions shall be taken to prevent reinfestation.
- **309.2 Owner.** The *owner* of any *structure* shall be responsible for *pest elimination* within the *structure* prior to renting or leasing the *structure*.
- **309.3 Single occupant.** The *occupant* of a one-family dwelling or of a single-*tenant* nonresidential *structure* shall be responsible for *pest elimination* on the *premises*.
- **309.4 Multiple occupancy.** The *owner* of a *structure* containing two or more *dwelling units*, a multiple *occupancy*, a *rooming house* or a nonresidential *structure* shall be responsible for *pest elimination* in the public or shared areas of the *structure* and *exterior property*. If *infestation* is caused by failure of an *occupant* to prevent such *infestation* in the area occupied, the *occupant* and *owner* shall be responsible for *pest elimination*.
- **309.5 Occupant.** The *occupant* of any *structure* shall be responsible for the continued rodent and pest-free condition of the *structure*.

**Exception:** Where the *infestations* are caused by defects in the *structure*, the *owner* shall be responsible for *pest elimination*.

## **SECTION 310—ACCESSIBILITY**

- **310.1 General.** A facility that is required to be accessible shall be maintained accessible during occupancy.
  - **310.1.1 Maintenance.** The accessible features of a facility shall be maintained in good repair, in a clean, structurally sound and sanitary condition, and free from impediments to accessibility.