PREFACE

The New York State Energy Conservation Construction Code (hereinafter referred to as the “Energy Code”) is promulgated pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Energy Law.

The Energy Code is contained in Title 19 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR), Part 1240, and in the publications incorporated by reference in 19 NYCRR Part 1240. The publications incorporated by reference in 19 NYCRR Part 1240 include:

- The publication, entitled “2016 Supplement to the New York State Energy Conservation Construction Code (Revised August 2016)” (Publication Date: August, 2016) published by the New York State Department of State (hereinafter referred to as the “2016 Energy Code Supplement”); and
- The other referenced standards mentioned and/or referenced in 19 NYCRR Part 1240.


For the purpose of applying the 2015 IECC Commercial Provisions, ASHRAE 90.1-2013, and the 2015 IECC Residential Provisions in New York State:

- The 2015 IECC Commercial Provisions shall be deemed to be amended in the manner provided in Part 1 of the 2016 Energy Code Supplement;
- ASHRAE 90.1-2013 shall be deemed to be amended in the manner provided in Part 2 of the 2016 Energy Code Supplement; and

The 2015 IECC Commercial Provisions, as amended in the manner provided in Part 1 of the 2016 Energy Code Supplement, are hereinafter referred to as the “2015 IECC Commercial Provisions (as amended).”

ASHRAE 90.1-2013, as amended in the manner provided in Part 2 of the 2016 Energy Code Supplement, is hereinafter referred to as the “ASHRAE 90.1-2013 (as amended).”

The 2015 IECC Residential Provisions, as amended in the manner provided in Part 3 of the 2016 Energy Code Supplement, are hereinafter referred to as the “2015 IECC Residential Provisions (as amended).”

NOTES REGARDING THIS ENERGY CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION CODE OF NEW YORK STATE AND COMMENTARY


The 2016 Energy Code Commentary is formatted to include the full text of each section, table and figure in the Energy Code, followed immediately by the commentary applicable to that text. Where the Energy Code is simple and clear, the commentary

states, “This code text is self-explanatory. No commentary is necessary.” Commentary text is shaded in gray to be easily distinguished from Energy Code provisions. Additionally, commentary-specific figures are enclosed in a box and referred to as “Commentary Figure.”

In the chapters that follow, commentary focuses on the meaning and implications of the Energy Code provisions. Illustrations are included to aid understanding, although they do not necessarily demonstrate the only methods of achieving code compliance.

Readers should note that the 2016 Energy Code Commentary is not a substitute for the Energy Code. The Commentary is advisory only; the code official alone possesses the authority and responsibility for interpreting the code.

Readers should refer to the New York State Department of State for possible updates to the 2016 Energy Code Supplement. To access the 2016 Energy Code Supplement, visit www.dos.ny.gov/dcea.

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In general, the State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (“Uniform Code”) applies to buildings in all parts of New York State except New York City. However, the Uniform Code also applies to buildings that are (1) located in New York City and (2) in the custody of a State agency.

In general, the New York City Construction Codes apply to buildings located in New York City. However, the New York City Building Codes do not apply to buildings that are (1) located in New York City and (2) in the custody of a State agency subject to the Uniform Code.

The 2016 Energy Code Supplement includes several sections that refer to buildings that are “subject to the New York City Construction Codes.” Such buildings include buildings that are located in New York City excluding, however, those buildings that are in the custody of a State agency.

NOTE REGARDING 2015 I-CODES


- References to the “2015 International Building Code” are references to the “Third Printing” of that publication, which was issued in October 2015;
- References to the “2015 International Building Code (as amended)” are references to the “Third Printing” of that publication, as amended by the publication entitled “2016 Uniform Code Supplement” (publication date: March 2016) published by the New York State Department of State (hereinafter referred to as the “2016 Uniform Code Supplement”);
- References to the “2015 International Fire Code” are references to the “Third Printing” of that publication, which was issued in June 2015;
- References to the “2015 International Fire Code (as amended)” are references to the “Third Printing” of that publication, as amended by the 2016 Uniform Code Supplement;
- References to the “2015 International Fuel Gas Code” are references to the “Third Printing” of that publication, which was issued in June 2015;
- References to the “2015 International Fuel Gas Code (as amended)” are references to the “Third Printing” of that publication, as amended by the 2016 Uniform Code Supplement;
- References to the “2015 International Mechanical Code” are references to the “Third Printing” of that publication, which was issued in November 2015;
- References to the “2015 International Mechanical Code (as amended)” are references to the “Third Printing” of that publication, as amended by the 2016 Uniform Code Supplement;
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• References to the “2015 International Property Maintenance Code” are references to the “Fourth Printing” of that publication, which was issued in December 2015;
• References to the “2015 International Property Maintenance Code (as amended)” are references to the “Third Printing” of that publication, as amended by the 2016 Uniform Code Supplement;
• References to the “2015 International Residential Code” are references to the “Second Printing” of that publication, which was issued in January 2016; and
• References to the “2015 International Residential Code (as amended)” are references to the “Second Printing” of that publication, as amended by the 2016 Uniform Code Supplement.

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