

INTRODUCTION

Why did IFC/2009 section [fill-in section number] change from the 2006 edition?^a This resource collection has been compiled to provide the answers to such questions.

This resource collection provides the published documentation for each successful code change in the IFC/2009 since the 2006 edition. Each changed code section is listed in the Table of Changes which contains three headings. The first heading is "A2009 IFC" which lists the section number in the 2009 code. If (new) appears after the section number it indicates that the section is new in 2009. If (deleted) is indicated in 2006 it means that the section no longer exists and the second column "A2006 IFC" will show the section number that was deleted. Also, the second heading will indicate if a section number has changed from 2006 to 2009. If there is nothing indicated in the 2006 column, the section number remained the same. The third heading lists the code change number(s) which affected that particular section and the page number, in parentheses, on which that particular code change(s) can be located. The published material for each change is contained in the Documentation section.

HOW TO USE THE HANDBOOK

This resource collection makes it possible for the reader to examine, in one location, all published information about a particular code change. For any given change, the text of the proposed change, committee actions and modifications, assembly actions, successful public comments, and final action can be found by using the following steps:

1. Locate the code section in the Table of Changes beginning on page ix, using the 2009 IFC section number.
2. Note the corresponding proposed code change number(s) from the list.
3. Locate the proposed code change number (listed in numerical order under the appropriate year and letter designation) in the Documentation section to read the complete chronological documentation of the proposed change

SOURCE DOCUMENTS

The code development cycle involves the publication of four documents, the result of 1) public submittal of proposed changes, 2) a public hearing and committee/assembly actions, 3) submittal of public comments to the committee or assembly actions, and 4) final action results. Under each code change number in the Documentation section of this handbook, material corresponding to that individual proposed change has been drawn from each of the four publications. Two code change cycles occurred between published editions of the 2006 and 2009 IFC; therefore, the Documentation section of this handbook contains material collected and collated from the following published documents:

2006/2007 Documentation

2006/2007 Proposed Changes to the International Codes

2006 Report of the Public Hearing on the International Codes

2007 Final Action Agenda on the International Codes

Final Action on 2006/2007 Proposed Changes to the International Codes

2007/2008 Documentation

2007/2008 Proposed Changes to the International Codes

2008 Report of the Public Hearing on the International Codes

2008 Final Action Agenda on the International Codes

Final Action on 2007/2008 Proposed Changes to the International Codes

Unsuccessful proposed changes have not been included since they do not directly affect the final content of the code section.

RESOURCE COLLECTION FORMAT

Code Change No: F51-07/08

Code change numbers are identified with a letter and a year designation. For instance, **F51-07/08** is proposed change number 51 to the *International Fire Code* and was submitted in the **07/08** (2007/2008) code change cycle. (See ACode Change Numbers@ on page v for a discussion of code committees)

Original Proposal

This is the proposal as published in the A2007/2008 Proposed Changes to the International Codes.@ It includes the section number(s), proponent-s name, who they are representing, the text of the proposed change and their reason for the change. This is a change to IFC Section 308 – note the term ASupp@ following some section numbers which means this text is found in the 2007 Accumulative Supplement to the International Codes.

Public Hearing Results

This is the result of the Code Development Hearing held to consider the change, as published in the A2008 Report of the Public Hearing to the International Codes@. It includes the committee-s action (Disapproved) and reason for the action and also identifies if there was an assembly motion (none).

Public Comments

This is text of the submitted public comment, as published in the A2008 Final Action Agenda to the International Codes®. It includes the public commentor's name and affiliation, the requested action to be considered at the Final Action Hearing (Approved as Modified) and the reason.

Note: Only those code changes which received a public comment which resulted in a final hearing action different than a committee action are published.

Final Hearing Results

This is the action taken by the eligible voting members of the ICC at the Final Action Hearing, as published in the AFinal Action on 2007/2008 Proposed Changes to the International Codes®. The Final Action was AAMPC® which means the eligible voting members of ICC overturned the committee's action and approved the change based on the submitted public comment.

CODE CHANGE NUMBERS

The following is the legend for code change numbers, along with the applicable committee and the committee's primary area of responsibility relative to the IFC.

Prefix	Code Committee	Primary IFC Chapters Affected
F	IFC Code Committee	Chapters 1-9; 11-44
FG	IFGC Code Committee	Chapter 1
E	IBC Means of Egress Committee	Chapter 10
FS	IBC Fire Safety Committee	Chapter 9
G	IBC General Committee	Chapters 2, 4

Although most changes to the IFC are found under proposed change numbers beginning with an F, some changes to the IFC are published within a proposed change to the other *International Codes*, and therefore are found under a proposed code change number beginning with one of the other letters listed above. Use the table of contents to locate appropriate sections by year and letter designation.

CODE SECTION NUMBER DIFFERENCES

For editorial reasons, some code section numbers in the 2009 edition have changed from the 2006 edition. The numbering of code sections is an editorial task which takes place outside of the normal code development cycle, and is necessary to avoid duplicate or nonsequential section numbers.

The Table of Changes typically references the 2006 code section numbers that have been deleted. (See Introduction)

In most cases the section numbers have not changed from the 2006 to the 2009 edition. However, the reader should remember that it is always the 2006 code section numbers (or in rare cases, a different number corresponding to a 2007 Supplement numbering change) which appear in the material contained in the Documentation section. This is due to proposed changes which have as their basis, a section number in the 2006 edition. Since an attempt to correlate code sections by number may lead to confusion, the user is advised to rely on the section content rather than the numbers to locate and compare parallel sections in the two editions.

ABBREVIATIONS FOR ACTIONS

In the Documentation section, the following abbreviations are used to signify committee or final action:

Legend for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 Documentation:

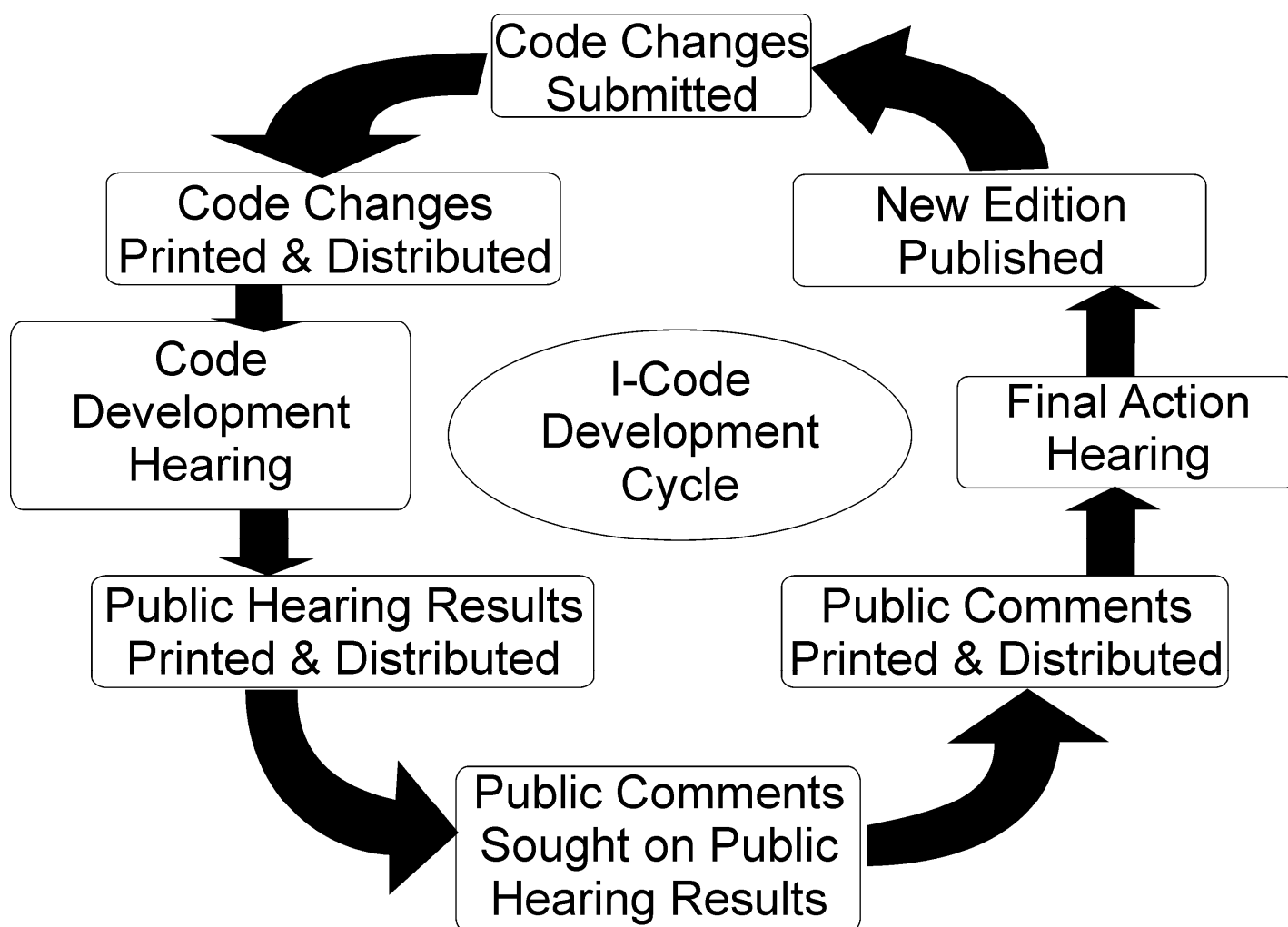
AS	=	Approved as Submitted
D	=	Disapproved
AM	=	Approved as Modified by the Code Committee
AMPC	=	Approved as Modified by a Public Comment
WP	=	Withdrawn by Proponent

CODE CORRELATION COMMITTEE

During the course of the code development process, there are editorial issues, issues related to code correlation problems arising from code changes, and issues related to the appropriate committee that should consider certain topics. These issues are placed before the ICC Code Correlation Committee for resolution. During the development of the 2009 Code, from 2006 to 2009, the Code Correlation Committee met 3 times to discuss and resolve these issues. The parts of the code that were affected by a Code Correlation Committee action are indicated with the letters ACCC® beside that section of the code. All Code Correlation Committee actions are listed at the end of this handbook.

ICC CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The following depicts the key steps in ICC's Code Development Process:



The procedures governing ICC Code Development are entitled ACode Development Process for the International Codes®. These procedures are updated periodically and therefore not included here. To obtain the current version, visit ICC's website at www.iccsafe.org.

