



**PUBLIC CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM
FOR PUBLIC PROPOSALS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CODES**

2009/2010 CODE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

CLOSING DATE: All Proposals Must Be Received by June 1, 2009

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Code

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- IEBC - International Existing Building Code
- IFC - International Fire Code
- IFGC - International Fuel Gas Code
- ICC PC - ICC Performance Code
- IPC - International Plumbing Code
- IPSDC - International Private Sewage Disposal Code
- IPMC - International Property Maintenance Code
- IWUIC - International Wildland-Urban Interface Code
- IZC - International Zoning Code

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 - IMC - International Mechanical Code
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CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

(See instructions on page 2)

Code: IFC -09/10 (IBC, IEBC, IECC, IFC, IFGC, IMC, IPC, IPSCDC, IPM, IRC, ICCPC, IWUIC, IZC)
503.2.2

Proponent: Carl D. Wren, P.E., Austin Fire Department, representing self

Revise as follows:

503.2.2 Authority. The fire code official shall have the authority to require an increase in the minimum access widths where they are inadequate for fire or rescue operations.

503.2.2.1. The fire code official shall have the authority to approve a decrease in the minimum access width. In evaluating reduced access widths, the fire code official shall consider traffic safety, maximum building heights, fixed fire suppression systems (e.g. sprinkler systems), the degree of street interconnections, and the adequacy of turning radii. When necessary to demonstrate compliance, the fire code official may require technical assistance provided by traffic safety professionals as well as fire safety professionals in accordance with 104.7.2.

Reason: [For a number of years the fire service has been exploring strategic partnerships for reducing the overall risk to our communities from a variety of hazards rather than restricting its efforts to simply reducing deaths and injuries from fire related emergencies. This effort is evident in the objectives of the National Fire Academy Course "Strategies for Community Risk Reduction" and its predecessor course "Strategic Analysis of Community Risk Reduction" as well as in the NFPA "Risk Watch" program. With this general idea of overall risk to the community and a specific consideration of the potential for reducing traffic injuries and fatalities in mind, it may often be advantageous to plan for traffic calming during the site plan or subdivision design phases of a project and for the fire code official to be able to choose to accept a design with narrower but significantly interconnected streets over the potential for the jurisdiction to attempt the installation of traffic calming measures as an afterthought, or over the use of cul-de-sacs or other dead-ends with forced turnaround situations. This proposal simply clarifies and makes explicit what the proponent considers to be a currently implied authority under IFC sections 104.8, 104.9 and 503.1.2. It affords developers credit for reduced fire risks due to fire sprinkler protection and acknowledges that there is a potential for major reductions in traffic casualties for well thought out narrow street configurations. Further information on the potential impact of street widths on traffic related injuries can be obtained through a 1997 study by Peter Swift et al that is currently being peer reviewed.](#)

Cost Impact: The code change proposal will not increase the cost of construction.

Public Hearing:	Committee:	AS	AM	D
	Assembly:	ASF	AMF	DF



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