

CHAPTER 23

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Authority

N.J.S.A. 52:27D-123, 123a, 123.2, 123.5, 123.8, 124 and 124f.

Source and Effective Date

R.1997 d.409, effective September 9, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 2736(a), 29 N.J.R. 4281(a).

Executive Order No. 66(1978) Expiration Date

Chapter 23, Uniform Construction Code, expires on September 9, 2002.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 23, Uniform Construction Code, was adopted as R.1976 d.344, d.345, d.346 and d.347, effective January 1, 1977 and codified as Subchapter 1, General Provisions; Subchapter 2, Administration and Enforcement Process; Subchapter 3, Subcodes, and Subchapter 4, Enforcing Agencies: Duties, Powers, Procedures. See: 8 N.J.R. 216(b), 319(a), 370(d), 414(a); 8 N.J.R. 546(a). Chapter 23 superseded N.J.A.C. 5:16, Standard Building Code and N.J.A.C. 5:20, Safety Glazing Materials, which were repealed by R.1978 d.360, effective October 6, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 377(a), 10 N.J.R. 470(a). Chapter 23 also superseded N.J.A.C. 5:21, Uniform Standards Code for Mobile Homes, which was repealed by R.1982 d.7, effective February 1, 1982. See: 13 N.J.R. 717(a), 14 N.J.R. 142(a). Subchapter 5, Licensing of Code Enforcement Officials, was adopted as R.1977 d.304, effective October 1, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 257(b), 9 N.J.R. 413(b). Subchapter 6, Tax Exemption for Solar Facilities, was adopted as R.1978 d.334, effective September 18, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 222(b), 10 N.J.R. 418(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 6 was readopted as R.1980 d.303, effective July 1, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 249(c), 12 N.J.R. 452(c).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 23 was readopted as R.1983 d.144, effective April 26, 1983. See: 14 N.J.R. 1247(a), 15 N.J.R. 803(c). Subchapter 7, Barrier Free Subcode, was adopted as R.1986 d.448, effective November 3, 1986. See: 18 N.J.R. 757(a), 18 N.J.R. 2194(a). Subchapter 8, Asbestos Hazard Abatement Subcode, was adopted as Emergency New Rules R.1985 d.362, effective June 18, 1985 (expired August 17, 1985). See: 17 N.J.R. 1782(a). The provisions of R.1985 d.362 were readopted as R.1985 d.472, effective August 16, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 2249(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 23 was readopted as R.1988 d.168, effective March 22, 1988. N.J.A.C. 5:23-6.1, 6.2 and 6.3, concerning tax exemption for solar facilities, were not readopted and expired on April 1, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 223(a), 20 N.J.R. 893(a). Subchapter 9, Code Interpretations, was adopted as R.1988 d.195, effective May 2, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 224(a), 20 N.J.R. 977(a). Subchapter 10, Radon Hazard Subcode, was adopted as R.1990 d.226, effective May 7, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3696(a), 22 N.J.R. 1356(a). Subchapter 4A, Industrialized/Modular Buildings and Building Components, was adopted as R.1990 d.313, effective June 18, 1990, (operative July 1, 1990). See: 22 N.J.R. 691(a), 22 N.J.R. 1915(b). Subchapter 11, Indoor Air Quality Standards and Procedures for Buildings Occupied by Public Employees, was adopted as R.1992 d.33, effective January 21, 1992. See: 23 N.J.R. 1730(b), 24 N.J.R. 229(c). Subchapter 12, Elevator Safety Subcode, was adopted as R.1991 d.325, effective July 1, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 805(a), 23 N.J.R. 2046(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 23 was readopted as R.1993 d.106, effective February 3, 1993. See: 24 N.J.R. 1420(b), 25 N.J.R. 920(a). Subchapter 4B, Manufactured Homes and Manufactured Home Add-On Units Not Subject to Federal Regulation, and Subchapter 4C, Enforcement of Federal Manufactured Home

Standards, were adopted as R.1994 d.96, effective February 22, 1994. See: 25 N.J.R. 5388(a), 26 N.J.R. 1073(a). N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.1 through 7.99 were repealed and 7.100 through 7.116 were recodified as 7.2 through 7.18 by R.1995 d.144, effective March 20, 1995 (operative July 1, 1995). See: 26 N.J.R. 2698(a), 26 N.J.R. 2524(a), 27 N.J.R. 1180(a). Subchapter 11, Indoor Air Quality Standards and Procedures for Buildings Occupied by Public Employees, was repealed by R.1995 d.612, effective December 4, 1995 (operative July 1, 1995). See: 27 N.J.R. 3518(a), 27 N.J.R. 4885(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 23 was readopted as R.1997 d.409, effective September 9, 1997. See: Source and Effective Date. As a part of R.1997 d.409, effective October 6, 1997, Subchapter 6, Tax Exemption, was repealed. See, also, section annotations.

Cross References

Child care center physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:122-5.1 et seq.

Children's group home physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:128-4.1 et seq.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

5:23-1.1 Title; division into subchapters

(a) These regulations shall be known as the "Regulations for the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code" and are referred to herein as "the regulations".

(b) The chapter consists of the following subchapters:

1. "General provisions" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-1 and when referred to in subchapter 1 of this chapter may be cited as this subchapter.

2. "Administration and enforcement; process" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-2 and when referred to in subchapter 2 of this chapter may be cited as this subchapter.

3. "Subcodes" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-3 and when referred to in subchapter 3 of this chapter may be cited as this subchapter.

i. N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.11B contains references to the Department of Environmental Protection's rules concerning underground storage tanks, codified at N.J.A.C. 7:14B, which are jointly enforced by this Department and local enforcing agencies pursuant to this chapter.

4. "Enforcing agencies: duties, powers, and procedures" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-4 of this chapter and when referred to in subchapter 4 of this chapter may be cited as this subchapter.

5. "Industrialized/Modular Buildings and Building Components" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-4A and when referred to N.J.A.C. 5:23-4A may be cited as this subchapter.

6. "Manufactured Homes and Manufactured Home Add-On Units Not Subject to Federal Regulations" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-4B and when referred to in subchapter 4B may be cited as this subchapter.

7. "Enforcement of Federal Manufactured Home Standards" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-4C and when referred to in subchapter 4C may be cited as this subchapter.

8. "Licensing of Code Enforcement Officials" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-5 and when referred to in subchapter 5 of this chapter may be cited as this subchapter.

9. "Rehabilitation Subcode" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-6 and, when referred to in subchapter 6 of this chapter, may be cited as this subchapter.

10. "Barrier Free Subcode" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-7 and when referred to in subchapter 7 of this chapter may be cited as this subchapter.

11. "Asbestos Hazard Abatement Subcode" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-8 and when referred to in subchapter 8 of this chapter may be cited as this subchapter.

12. "Code Interpretations" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-9 and when referred to in subchapter 9 of this chapter may be cited as this subchapter.

13. "Radon Hazard Subcode" which may be cited throughout the regulations as N.J.A.C. 5:23-10 and when referred to in subchapter 10 of this chapter may be cited as this subchapter.

14. (Reserved)

15. "Elevator Safety Subcode" which may be cited throughout the rules as N.J.A.C. 5:23-12 and when referred to in subchapter 12 of this chapter may be cited as this subchapter.

Amended by R.1978 d.350, eff. October 1, 1978.

See: 10 N.J.R. 378(a), 10 N.J.R. 469(f).

Amended by R.1987 d.509, effective December 7, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1264(a), 19 N.J.R. 2270(a).

(b) substantially amended.

Amended by R.1990 d.226, effective May 7, 1990.

See: 21 N.J.R. 3696(a), 22 N.J.R. 1356(a).

Added 9 and 10 to (b).

Amended by R.1990 d.313, effective June 18, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 691(a), 22 N.J.R. 1915(b).

Text added at (b)5.

Amended by R.1990 d.562, effective November 19, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 2629(c), 22 N.J.R. 3482(d).

Added reference to N.J.A.C. 7:14B.

Amended by R.1991 d.325, effective July 1, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 805(a), 23 N.J.R. 2046(a).

Text on elevators added at (b).

Amended by R.1992 d.183, effective April 20, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 167(a), 24 N.J.R. 1475(b).

Reference to Indoor Air Quality Subcode added at (b)12.

Amended by R.1994 d.96, effective February 22, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5388(a), 26 N.J.R. 1073(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.409, effective October 6, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2736(a), 29 N.J.R. 4281(a).

Deleted (b)14.

Amended by R.1998 d.28, effective January 5, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3603(a), 30 N.J.R. 129(a).

In (b)9, substituted "Rehabilitation Subcode" for "Tax Exemptions."

Case Notes

Councilperson violated local ethics law; project manager for private construction company. *Bleeker v. Local Finance Board*, 94 N.J.A.R.2d (CAF) 122.

iii. Any additional inspections, as permitted by this chapter and as may be required by the municipality, shall be of the type and nature that construction may continue without interruption;

iv. Special inspection schedule: Where buildings proposed for construction exceed two stories in height or by their nature pose complex or unusual inspection problems, the construction official or appropriate subcode official may specify additional or special inspections to the applicant in writing prior to the issuance of a permit and during construction in the case of unforeseeable circumstances. Where Class I structures incorporate construction techniques covered under the special inspection provisions of the building subcode, such special inspections shall be provided for. The applicant shall provide a list of special inspections required by the building subcode when applying for the permit.

(c) Notice for inspection:

1. The owner or other responsible person in charge of work shall notify the enforcing agency when the work is ready for any required inspection specified herein or required by the construction official or appropriate subcode official. This notice shall be given at least 24 hours prior to the time the inspection is desired. Inspections shall be performed within three business days of the time for which it was requested. The work shall not proceed in a manner which will preclude the inspection until it has been made.

(d) Final inspection: Upon completion of the building or structure, and before the issuance of a certificate of use and occupancy required herein, a final inspection shall be made, and any violations of the approved plans and permit shall be noted and the holder of the permit shall be notified of any discrepancies by the construction official.

1. The final inspection shall include a review for compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-7, the Barrier Free Subcode, for all buildings required by N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.1 to be accessible.

(e) Inspections records: The enforcing agency shall make a written record of all inspections, including any discrepancies or violations noted and shall maintain those reports as a public record which shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours.

(f) Department inspections: At the request of an enforcing agency, the Department may assist the enforcing agency in the inspection of any construction, provided that the enforcing agency has submitted the plans and specifications for such construction to the Department.

(g) The construction official shall serve as an agent of the Bureau of Housing Inspection of the Department of Community Affairs for the purpose of inspecting newly constructed and altered hotels and multiple dwellings in order

to enforce the provisions of the regulations for the maintenance of hotels and multiple dwellings (N.J.A.C. 5:10). Responsibility for inspection may be delegated to the appropriate subcode official(s).

Amended by R.1981 d.182, effective June 4, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 187(b), 13 N.J.R. 333(b).

Amended by R.1992 d.244, effective June 15, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 1147(a), 24 N.J.R. 2243(a).

Class I inspections added to (b)iv.

Amended by R.1996 d.323, effective July 15, 1996 (operative January 1, 1997).

See: 28 N.J.R. 2112(a), 28 N.J.R. 3549(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.304, effective July 21, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2204(a), 29 N.J.R. 3248(a).

Added (b)lii(1) and (d)1.

5:23-2.18A Utility load management device installation programs

(a) Whenever a public utility proposes to undertake a program of installing load management devices at the properties of a substantial number of service customers within a limited period of time, it may apply to the Department for permission to utilize the procedure set forth in this section.

(b) A utility with a program to install load management devices shall submit detailed information to the Department on the design of the device.

(c) The utility shall provide an educational program acceptable to the Department to acquaint any interested Department personnel and municipal subcode officials with the device and with installation and operating procedures.

(d) The utility shall insure that all devices to be installed are identical in design, listed and labeled or otherwise approved according to this chapter for their intended use.

(e) At least one month in advance of any installations, the utility shall submit to the Department, and to each affected municipality, notice of the anticipated number of installations to be performed in each municipality. A maximum and a minimum figure may be submitted where there is uncertainty about the number to be scheduled by customers. An approximate number of weeks for installations in that municipality shall be given along with an approximate number of installations per week.

1. Each week, in advance of installation, the utility shall notify the municipality of any change in the anticipated number of installations for that week. No weekly number of installations shall be so great that the cumulative number of installations in the municipality shall exceed the maximum anticipated number submitted.

2. Prior to the commencement of any installation, and as soon as may be practicable, the utility or its contractors will provide to each municipality notice of the actual sites of installations.

3. The Department and the municipalities shall be notified as soon as possible in the event of any change in existing schedules by the utility or its contractors.

(f) On the Monday following installations, the utility shall submit to each municipality a completed permit application for all installations completed in the municipality's jurisdiction during the preceding week.

1. A listing of all permits so delivered shall be filed by the utility with the Department.

2. All devices installed during that week, by a single contractor, shall be included on that application. The application shall include the Construction Permit Application and an Electrical Subcode Technical Section.

3. Since the permit is not, typically, for work at a single location, the block number shall be entered as "UCC 2.18" and the lot as "A." The work site location shall be the name of the municipality and the owner in fee shall be the utility.

4. In addition to the Construction Permit Application, the utility or contractor shall supply the municipality a complete listing of locations where the devices, listed on this permit, were installed. This list shall include owner's name, owner's address, block and lot, date of installation, type of device(s) installed, and the contractor's name.

(g) If, for any reason, a permit application, or any part, is found to have been submitted in error, the utility or its contractors shall notify the municipality as soon as possible.

(h) When all required municipal and utility inspections have been approved, a single certificate of approval, for that permit, shall be issued to the utility.

(i) If any municipality or the Department has reason to suspect that permit applications are being mishandled or carelessly accounted for, an investigation may be conducted of the utility's permit files for this project and of any permits in the possession of individual contractors in the utility's employ for this project.

(j) The utility shall pay to each municipality 30 percent of the permit fees otherwise due and owing.

(k) The municipality shall inspect 30 percent of the installations performed and shall record the results of those inspections. The utility shall inspect at least 10 percent of the installations performed and shall record the results of those inspections and forward those results concurrently to the municipality and to the Department weekly.

(l) If a municipality or a utility discovers a defect rate of not less than seven percent for any contractor employed by the utility, the Department shall be immediately notified. The Department shall investigate and, in the interest of public safety, shall be authorized to order that:

1. The offending contractor cease to be employed by the utility for this project;

2. The utility remit the fees necessary to inspect all existing installations of the offending contractor in all municipalities where that contractor has performed work;

3. That each municipality affected perform inspections of all the offending contractor's existing installations; and

4. That the utility or its designees correct or remove all defective installations to the satisfaction of the municipal officials.

(m) If, at any time, the Department tabulates a program-wide defect rate equal to or exceeding three percent, the utility shall be notified and the inspection rate and fee rate in (j) and (k) above shall rise to 50 percent.

(n) If the three percent or greater program-wide defect rate cannot be reduced within two weeks, the program may be terminated by the Department by notifying the utility and all affected municipalities.

(o) A municipality in which a defect rate equal to or greater than seven percent has been twice reported to the Department and which has reason to believe that the program cannot be successfully implemented within its jurisdiction may notify the Department and the utility of the need for termination of the program in that municipality. The Department, upon verifying the accuracy of the municipality's claim, shall issue a notice to the utility and to the municipality ordering the termination of the program in that municipality.

New Rule, R.1989 d.550, effective November 6, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 233(a), 21 N.J.R. 3458(a).
Amended by R.1994 d.28, effective January 18, 1994.
See: 25 N.J.R. 4546(b), 26 N.J.R. 352(a).
Amended by R.1996 d.512, effective November 4, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 3697(a), 28 N.J.R. 4782(a).

5:23-2.19 Special technical services

(a) Whenever the construction official and the appropriate subcode official determine that a need for special technical services exists with regard to a particular project for which the municipal enforcing agency is classified to perform plan review, the construction official may require the applicant to obtain and furnish to the construction official, at the applicant's expense, a report from a licensed engineer or registered architect. Such report shall contain the information deemed necessary by the construction official to aid in his determination. Such may include, but not be limited to:

1. Analysis of materials and installation or design methods not covered by the provisions of the subcodes;

2. Site investigation;

3. Structural analysis;

17.1 Obstructions and entrapment avoidance: There shall be no obstructions that can cause the user to be entrapped or injured. Types of entrapment can include but not be limited to such things as wedge or pinch-type openings and rigid, nongiving cantilevered protrusions."

9. Chapter 10 of the plumbing subcode, entitled "Water Supply and Distribution," is amended as follows:

i. Section 10.2 is amended to add the words "in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.3" after the words "Administrative Authority" on line 3.

ii. Section 10.4.2 is amended to delete the words "with the approval of the administrative authority" and in lieu thereof, substitute "in accordance with the rules of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at N.J.A.C. 7:10-10";

iii. Section 10.4.3 is amended to read: "Potable water supplies shall be protected in accordance with the provisions of this code and where applicable the Safe Drinking Water Regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:10). The requirements of this code shall establish requirements for individual outlet protection. The requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act shall establish the requirements for containment.";

iv. Section 10.4.4b is amended to delete the words "administrative authority" and in lieu thereof, substitute "authority having jurisdiction in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:10-10.2(e)."

v. Section 10.4.9 is amended to delete the words "administrative authority" and in lieu thereof, substitute "authority having jurisdiction".

vi. Section 10.5.6d. is amended to delete the words "and repair" on the first line, and to delete the third sentence.

vii. Section 10.8.1 is amended to add the phrase "as required by the authority having jurisdiction" after the word "practice" on line 4.

10. Chapter 11 of the plumbing subcode, entitled "Sanitary Drainage Systems," is amended as follows:

i. Section 11.3.1 is amended to delete the words "administrative authority" and substitute in lieu thereof, the words "authority having jurisdiction" on line 4.

ii. Section 11.4.3 is amended at the end to add the sentence "Diversity factors shall be established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.3."

iii. Section 11.7.1a is amended to delete the words "administrative authority" on line 4 and in lieu thereof, substitute the words "authority having jurisdiction".

11. Chapter 12 of the plumbing subcode, entitled "Vents and Venting," is amended as follows:

i. Section 12.4.5 is amended to delete the phrase "when approved by the administrative authority".

ii. Section 12.5 is amended to delete the phrase "a fitting acceptable to the administrative authority", and in lieu thereof substitute "an approved fitting".

12. Chapter 13 of the plumbing subcode, entitled "Storm Water Drainage," is amended as follows:

i. Section 13.1.5a through c is amended to read "subsoil drains shall be provided in accordance with the building subcode."

ii. Section 13.1.10.1 is amended to delete the last sentence and to substitute in lieu thereof "Rainfall rates shall be based on Appendix A of the 1993 edition of the National Standard Plumbing Code. Appendix A shall be applied so that the applicable rainfall rate for Burlington and Ocean counties and all counties south shall be six inches per hour and for Mercer and Monmouth counties and all counties north, the applicable rainfall rate shall be five inches per hour."

iii. Section 13.1.10.2, "Secondary Roof Drainage," is deleted.

iv. Section 13.1.10.4, "Equivalent Systems," is deleted.

v. Section 13.9.1 is amended to add the phrase "in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.3" after the word "authority" on line 5.

13. Chapter 14 of the plumbing subcode, entitled "Special Requirements for Health Care Facilities," is amended as follows:

i. Section 14.13 is amended to replace the term "administrative authority" with the term "authority having jurisdiction."

14. Except as otherwise indicated in (b) 14i below, sections 16.1 through 16.12.1.13 of chapter 16 of the plumbing subcode, entitled "Regulations Governing Individual Sewage Disposal Systems for Homes and Other Establishments Where Public Sewer Systems Are Not Available" are deleted in their entirety.

i. Section 16.1.7 is retained and amended to read as follows: "When a sewage disposal system is being abandoned and a connection is being made to the public sewer system, the plumbing subcode official shall ensure that the abandoned septic system is disconnected from the building, pumped out and filled with gravel, stones or soil material."

Note: Existing standards of the Department of Environmental Protection and boards of health with respect to individual on-site sewage disposal systems remain in effect.

15. Chapter 17 of the plumbing subcode, entitled "Potable Water Supply System" and comprising sections 17.1 through 17.15.2 is deleted in its entirety.

Note: Existing standards of the Department of Environmental Protection and boards of health with respect to individual on-site water supply systems remain in effect.

16. Chapter 18 of the plumbing subcode, entitled "Mobile Home and Trailer Park Plumbing Standards," is amended as follows:

- i. Section 18.2.1 is amended to delete the last sentence beginning "Trailer home park".
- ii. Section 18.2.2 is amended to delete the words "or sewerage disposal" on line 1.
- iii. Section 18.5.8 is amended to add the phrase "and as provided by the authority having jurisdiction" after the words "chapter 10 of this code."
- iv. Section 18.8.1.2 is deleted.
- v. Section 18.8.3 is amended to add the phrase "for dependent trailers" after the word "park" on line 1.
- vi. Section 18.8.4 is amended to add the phrase "for dependent trailers" after the word "park" on line 1.
- vii. Section 18.9 is deleted.
- viii. Section 18.10 is deleted.

17. Appendix E of the plumbing subcode, entitled "Special Design Plumbing Systems", is amended as follows:

- i. Section E.2.1 is amended to delete the words "local administrative authority" on line 2 and in lieu thereof, substitute "authority having jurisdiction".
- ii. Section E.4.2 is amended to delete the term "Administrative Authority" and substitute in lieu thereof "Authority Having Jurisdiction."

Amended by R.1981 d.132, effective May 7, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 121(a), 13 N.J.R. 258(d).

Amended by R.1983 d.12, eff. February 7, 1983, operative February 22, 1983.

See: 14 N.J.R. 1326(a), 15 N.J.R. 141(c).

Added (a) 3 and (c).

Amended by R.1984 d.314, eff. August 6, 1984.

See: 16 N.J.R. 1139(a), 16 N.J.R. 2084(b).

Section substantially amended.

Amended by R.1986 d.12, effective February 3, 1986.

See: 17 N.J.R. 2714(a), 18 N.J.R. 267(a).

(a)1i had a change of address; (a)3 and (c) added.

Amended by R.1987 d.81, effective February 2, 1987.

See: 18 N.J.R. 2237(b), 19 N.J.R. 289(d).

Amended by R.1987 d.374, effective September 21, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1024(a), 19 N.J.R. 1720(b).

Model subcode revisions.

Amended by R.1989 d.66, effective February 6, 1989.

See: 20 N.J.R. 2846(a), 21 N.J.R. 288(a).

Added (c).

Amended by R.1990 d.58, effective February 5, 1990.

See: 21 N.J.R. 3346(a), 22 N.J.R. 351(a).

Added (d) adopting the 1989 Supplement to the 1987 National Standard Plumbing Code.

Amended by R.1990 d.253, effective May 21, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 909(b), 22 N.J.R. 1554(a).

Text added at (a)3; (d)3ii amended.

Amended by R.1990 d.507, effective October 15, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 2208(a), 22 N.J.R. 3214(a).

Text conformed to BOCA National Code/1990.

Amended by R.1991 d.326, effective July 1, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 804(a), 23 N.J.R. 2044(a).

GPF set at 1.6; gravity water closets not permitted in commercial uses.

Amended by R.1991 d.571, effective November 18, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2619(a), 23 N.J.R. 3444(b).

Added new (c).

Amended by R.1992 d.67, effective February 3, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3602(a), 24 N.J.R. 404(b).

Low volume water closet exception added at (b)18i(1).

Amended by R.1993 d.662, effective December 20, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3891(a), 25 N.J.R. 5918(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.122, effective March 6, 1995 (operative July 1, 1995).

See: 26 N.J.R. 4874(a), 27 N.J.R. 894(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.136, effective March 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4(a), 30 N.J.R. 1038(a).

In (b)9, added xii.

Amended by R.1998 d.332, effective July 6, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1377(a), 30 N.J.R. 2421(b).

Rewrote the section.

Case Notes

Statute providing that only licensed master plumbers could be plumbing contractors was unconstitutional. Mechanical Contractors Ass'n of New Jersey, Inc. v. State, 255 N.J.Super. 488, 605 A.2d 743 (A.D.1992).

5:23-3.16 Electrical subcode

(a) Rules concerning the subcode adopted are as follows:

1. Pursuant to authority of P.L. 1975, c.217, as modified by P.L. 1996 c.53, the Commissioner hereby adopts the model code of the National Fire Protection Association, known as "The National Electrical Code 1996," as the electrical subcode for New Jersey.

i. Copies of this code may be obtained from the sponsors at NFPA, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269.

2. The National Electrical Code/1996 may be known and cited as "the electrical subcode."

3. Codes and standards referenced in the Fine Print Notes (FPNs) of the electrical subcode shall be considered part of the requirements of the electrical subcode to the extent prescribed in each related section. Where differences occur between provisions of the electrical subcode or any other subcode and any referenced code or standard, the provisions of that subcode shall apply.

i. Exceptions: The following standards referenced in the FPNs are not adopted: NFPA 86, NFPA 91 and NFPA 101.

(b) The following chapters or articles of the electrical subcode are amended as follows:

1. Article 90 of the electrical subcode, entitled "Introduction," is amended as follows:

i. Section 90-4, Enforcement, is amended to delete in the first paragraph the phrase, "authority having jurisdiction of enforcement of the code" and substitute in lieu thereof, the term "electrical subcode official." And add a new last sentence in the first paragraph: "Approval shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.9." Delete in the second paragraph the phrase "authority having jurisdiction" and substitute in lieu thereof the term "electrical subcode official" and add after "effective safety" the phrase "as provided in N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.9." Delete in the third paragraph the phrase "authority having jurisdiction" and substitute in lieu thereof the term "electrical subcode official" and delete the phrase "by the jurisdiction" after the word "adopted."

2. Chapter 1 of the electrical subcode, Article 100, entitled "Definitions" is amended as follows:

i. The definition of the term "approved" is amended to delete the phrase "the authority having jurisdiction" and substitute in lieu thereof, the phrase "electrical subcode. Approval shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.7, 3.8 and 3.8A."

ii. Amend to include the following definition: "Authority having jurisdiction: Unless otherwise specifically noted the authority having jurisdiction for the Electrical Subcode shall be the Electrical Subcode Official".

iii. The definition of the term "building" is deleted and in lieu thereof, substitute the definition of the term "building" found in N.J.A.C. 5:23-1.4".

iv. The definition of the term "garage" is amended to add the sentence, "The term cutoff is intended to refer to the appropriate fire separation as required by the building subcode."

3. Chapter 3 of the electrical subcode, entitled "Wiring Methods and Materials," is amended as follows:

i. Section 300-4(a)(1) is amended to delete the wording from "so that the edge ..." on line three through "... cannot be maintained" on line five and in lieu thereof substitute "as required by the building subcode. Where the distance from the edge of the hole to the nearest edge of the wood member is less than 1¼ inches (31.8 mm)."

4. Chapter 5 of the electrical subcode, entitled "Special Occupancies" is amended as follows:

i. Exception to the section 500-3(a)(4), section 514-5(b) and section 514-5(c) are amended to delete the phrase "authority having jurisdiction" and substitute in lieu thereof the phrase "fire protection subcode officials."

ii. Part B of Article 550, entitled "Mobile Homes, Manufactured Homes, and Mobile Home Parks" comprising sections 550-5 through 550-15 is deleted in its

entirety with the exception of section 550-5 which shall be retained.

(1) Exception—Part B is retained in its entirety in the case of mobile/manufactured homes undergoing repair or alteration work.

iii. In Article 551, entitled "Recreation Vehicles and Recreation Vehicle Parks," delete from the title the words "Recreation Vehicles and."

(1) Section 551-1 is amended to delete the phrase "within or on recreational vehicles" on line 2.

(2) Parts B, C, D, E and F, comprising sections 551-10 through 551-60, are deleted in their entirety, with the exception of Figure 551-46(c), which shall be retained.

iv. The following amendments are made to Article 552, entitled "Park Trailers":

(1) Parts B and C comprising Sections 552-10 through 552-20 are deleted in their entirety.

(2) Part D comprising Sections 552-40 through 552-59 is deleted with the exception of Sections 552-43, 552-44 and 552-47 which shall be retained.

(3) Part E is deleted in its entirety.

Amended by R.1981 d.132, effective May 7, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 121(a), 13 N.J.R. 258(d).

Amended by R.1984 d.314, effective August 6, 1984.

See: 16 N.J.R. 1139(a), 16 N.J.R. 2084(b).

Section substantially amended.

Amended by R.1987 d.374, effective September 21, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1024(a), 19 N.J.R. 1720(b).

Model subcode revisions.

Amended by R.1990 d.253, effective May 21, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 909(b), 22 N.J.R. 1554(a).

Amendments to (b)4i(2), ii(2).

Administrative Correction to (b)4i(2).

See: 22 N.J.R. 2503(b).

Amended by R.1990 d.507, effective October 15, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 2208(a), 22 N.J.R. 3214(a).

Text conformed to BOCA National Code/1990.

Amended by R.1993 d.662, effective December 20, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3891(a), 25 N.J.R. 5918(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.332, effective July 6, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1377(a), 30 N.J.R. 2421(b).

Rewrote the section.

Case Notes

Former N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.6 designated "National Electrical code of 1975" as controlling code; statute of limitations. *Brown v. Jersey Central Power and Light Co.*, 163 N.J.Super. 179 394 A.2d 397 (App. Div.1978) certification denied 79 N.J. 489 401 A.2d 244.

5:23-3.17 Fire protection subcode

(a) Rules concerning the subcode adopted are as follows:

1. Pursuant to authority of P.L. 1975, c.217 as modified by P.L. 1996, c.53, the Commissioner hereby adopts the following portions of the building, electric, and mechanical subcodes, to the extent delineated in N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.4, as the fire protection subcode for New Jersey.

i. BOCA National Building Code/1996 of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International Inc. (N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.14):

- (1) Chapter 3 entitled, "Use or Occupancy"
- (2) Chapter 4—Special Use and Occupancy;
- (3) Chapter 7—Fire resistant Materials and Construction;
- (4) Chapter 8—Interior Finishes;
- (5) Chapter 9—Fire Protection Systems;
- (6) Chapter 10—Means of Egress;
- (7) Sections 2113.0 through 2117.0 of Chapter 21—Masonry;
- (8) Sections 2603.0 through 2605.0 of Chapter 26—Plastic;
- (9) Section 3106.0 of Chapter 31—Special Construction;
- (10) Section 3305.0 of Chapter 33—Site Work, Demolition and Construction;
- (11) Section 3406.0 of Chapter 34—Existing Structures.

ii. National Electric Code/1996 of the National Fire Protection Association (N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.16).

- (1) Section 300-21 of Chapter 3—Wiring Methods and Materials;
- (2) Article 450, Part C—Transformer Vaults of Chapter 4—Equipment for General Use;
- (3) Chapter 5—Special Occupancies;
- (4) Article 695—Fire Pumps of Chapter 6—Special Equipment;
- (5) Article 760—Fire Alarm Systems of Chapter 7—Special Conditions;

iii. BOCA National Mechanical Code/1993 of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International Inc. (N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.20):

- (1) Chapter 3 entitled "Air Distribution Systems"
- (2) Chapter 4—Mechanical Equipment;
- (3) Chapter 5—Kitchen Exhaust Equipment;
- (4) Section M-802.1 of Chapter 8
- (5) Chapter 9—Flammable and Combustible Liquid Storage and Piping Systems;
- (6) Chapter 10—Combustion Air;
- (7) Chapter 11—Clearance Reduction
- (8) Chapter 12—Chimneys and Vents;

(9) Chapter 14—Fireplaces, Solid Fuel-Burning and Gas Accessory Appliances.

(10) Chapter 15—Incinerators and Crematories

2. The model code portions listed above may be known as "the fire protection subcode."

(b) Rules concerning modifications to subcodes are as follows:

1. The modifications made to the appropriate portion of the adopted model code in N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.14 (Building Subcode), N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.16 (Electrical Subcode) and N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.20 (Mechanical Subcode) will apply also to those portions as regards this adoption.

Amended by R.1981 d.132, effective May 7, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 121(a), 13 N.J.R. 258(d).

Amended by R.1984 d.314, effective August 6, 1984.

See: 16 N.J.R. 1139(a), 16 N.J.R. 2084(b).

Section substantially amended.

Amended by R.1986 d.380, effective September 22, 1986.

See: 18 N.J.R. 1235(a), 18 N.J.R. 1931(a).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1987 d.374, effective September 21, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1024(a), 19 N.J.R. 1720(b).

Model subcode revisions.

Amended by R.1990 d.253, effective May 21, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 909(b), 22 N.J.R. 1554(a).

Reference to 1989 Supplement added; (a)1i(7) amended.

Amended by R.1990 d.507, effective October 15, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 2208(a), 22 N.J.R. 3214(a).

Text conformed to BOCA National Code/1990.

Amended by R.1993 d.662, effective December 20, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3891(a), 25 N.J.R. 5918(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.332, effective July 6, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1377(a), 30 N.J.R. 2421(b).

Rewrote (a).

Case Notes

Zoning ordinance's definition of family violated Constitution. *Cherry Hill Tp. v. Oxford House, Inc.*, 263 N.J.Super. 25, 621 A.2d 952 (A.D.1993).

5:23-3.18 Energy Subcode

(a) Rules concerning the subcode adopted are as follows:

1. Pursuant to authority of P.L. 1975, c.217, as modified by P.L. 1996, c.53, the Commissioner hereby adopts the model code of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., known as the BOCA National Energy Conservation Code/1993, as the energy subcode for New Jersey.

i. Copies of the BOCA National Energy Conservation Code/1993 may be obtained from the sponsor at BOCA, 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, Illinois, 60477-5795.

ii. The model code listed above may be known and cited as the "energy subcode."