

# City of Prescott 2024 International Building Code Significant Changes

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105.2	Pool fences are not exempt from a permit	2024	Modification	X		X	
110.3.7	Inspection of weather-exposed balconies. Where balconies or other walking surfaces have weather-exposed surfaces, the moisture barrier must be inspected before being concealed.	2021	Modification				
202	Atrium-Now states three or more stories. With I-2 and I-3 Exceptions. Made to eliminate section 712.1.9 two-story exception	2021	Definition Modification				
202	Change in occupancy - Modification to the wording	2021	Definition Modification				
202	High Rise Building: A building with an occupied floor <b>or occupiable roof</b> located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.	2024	Definition Modification				
202	Limited Verbal or Physical Assistance: Describes persons who, because of age, physical limitations, cognitive limitations, treatment or chemical dependency, may not independently recognize, respond or evacuate without limited verbal or physical assistance during an emergency situation. Limited verbal assistance includes prompting, giving and repeating instructions. Limited physical assistance includes assistance with transfers to walking aids or mobility devices and assistance with egress.	2024	New Definition				
202	Mass Timber: Structural elements of Type IV Construction primarily of solid, built-up, panelized or engineered wood products that meet cross-section dimensions of Type IV construction	2021	New Definition				
202	OCCUPIABLE ROOF. An exterior space on a roof that is designed for human occupancy, other than maintenance or repair, and is equipped with a means of egress system meeting the requirements of this code	2024	New Definition				
202	Puzzle Room: A puzzle room is a type of special amusement area in which occupants are encouraged to solve a challenge to escape from a room or series of rooms.	2021	New Definition				
202	Special Amusement Area: New definition to go with regulations for haunted houses and similar attractions where the path of travel may be deliberately unclear.	2021	New Definition				
202	Special Event Structure: Any ground-supported structure, platform, stage, scaffolding or rigging, canopy, tower or similar structure supporting entertainment-related equipment or signage.	2021	New Definition				

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202	Temporary Structure: Any building or structure erected for a period of 180 days or less to support temporary events. Temporary structures include a range of structure types (public-occupancy temporary structures, temporary special event structures, tents, umbrellas and other membrane structures, relocatable buildings, temporary bleachers, etc.) for a range of purposes (storage, equipment protection, dining, workspace, assembly, etc.).	2024	New Definition				
202	Vapor Diffusion Port (Unvented Attics) : An assembly constructed or installed within a roof assembly at an opening in the roof deck to convey water vapor from an unvented attic to the outside atmosphere.	2021	New Definition				
304.1	Business Group B occupancy classification: Lithium-ion or lithium metal battery testing, research and development added to the occupancy group.	2024	Addition				
306.2	Group F-1 Moderate Hazard Occupancy Classification: Water/sewer treatment facilities and buildings dedicated to Energy storage systems (ESS) have been added to the list of F-1 occupancies.	2021	Modification /Addition				
306.2	Group F-1 Moderate-Hazard Occupancy Classification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Beverages: over <del>16-percent</del> 20% alcohol content</li> <li>o Energy storage systems (ESS) and equipment containing lithium-ion or lithium metal batteries.</li> <li>o Lithium-ion batteries.</li> </ul> Vehicles powered by lithium-ion or lithium metal batteries	2024	Modification /Addition				
306.3	Group F-2 Low-Hazard Occupancy Classification: Beverages: up to and including <del>16-percent</del> 20-percent alcohol content.	2024	Modification /Addition				
307.1.1	Uses not classified as a Group H: Distilling, brewing, and storing beer, wine, and spirits is not necessarily in Group H as long as it complies with the IFC.	2021	Modification				
310.2	Residential Group R-1 occupancies containing sleeping units <b>or more than two dwelling units</b> where the occupants are primarily transient in nature, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Boarding houses (transient) more 10 occupants</li> <li>o Congregate living facilities (transient) with more than 10 occupants</li> <li>o Hotels (transient)</li> <li>o Motels (transient)</li> <li>o <b>Lodging houses with more than five guestrooms</b></li> </ul>	2024	Modification				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motels (transient)</li> <li>○ Lodging houses with more than five guestrooms (Highlights added)</li> </ul>						
<b>310.3</b>	1. Residential Group R-2 Occupancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Residential Group R-2 occupancies containing sleeping units or more than two dwelling units where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature, including:</li> <li>○ Apartment houses</li> <li>○ Congregate living facilities (nontransient) with more than 16 occupants</li> <li>○ Boarding houses (nontransient)</li> <li>○ Convents</li> <li>○ Dormitories</li> <li>○ <u>Emergency services living quarters</u></li> <li>○ Fraternities and sororities</li> <li>○ Monasteries</li> <li>○ Hotels (nontransient) <u>with more than five guest rooms</u></li> <li>○ Live/work units</li> <li>○ Motels (nontransient) <u>with more than five guest rooms</u></li> <li>○ Vacation timeshare properties</li> </ul>	2024	Modification				
<b>310.4</b>	Residential Group R-3 occupancies where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature and not classified as Group R-1, R-2, R-4 or I, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Buildings that do not contain more than two dwelling units</li> <li>○ Care facilities that provide accommodations for five or fewer persons receiving care</li> <li>○ Congregate living facilities (nontransient) with 16 or fewer occupants</li> <li>○ Boarding houses (nontransient)</li> <li>○ Convents</li> <li>○ Dormitories</li> <li>○ <u>Emergency services living quarters</u></li> <li>○ Fraternities and sororities</li> <li>○ Monasteries</li> </ul>	2024	Modification				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Congregate living facilities (transient) with 10 or fewer occupants</li> <li>○ Boarding houses (transient)</li> <li>⊖ Lodging houses <del>(transient)</del> with five or fewer guest rooms <del>and 10 or fewer occupants</del></li> <li>○ <b>Hotels (nontransient) with five or fewer guest rooms</b></li> <li>○ <b>Motels (nontransient) with five or fewer guest rooms</b></li> </ul>						
<b>310.4.2</b>	Lodging Houses: Owner-occupied lodging houses with five or fewer guest rooms <del>and 10 or fewer total occupants</del> shall be constructed in accordance with <b>this code</b> or the International Residential Code, provided that <b>facilities constructed using the International Residential Code</b> are protected by an automatic sprinkler system is installed in accordance with <del>Section 903.3.1.3 or</del> Section P2904 of the International Residential Code.	2024	Modification				
<b>311.2</b>	Group S-1 Occupancy, Moderate-Hazard Storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alcoholic beverage storage (2021)</li> <li>○ Clarification: Beverages over 16% alcohol are in the S-1 moderate-hazard storage group; beverages at or below 16% are in the S-2 low-hazard storage group. (2021)</li> <li>○ aerosol cooking spray, plastic aerosol 3 (PA3) is added to this group. (2024)</li> <li>○ Beverages over <b>16-percent</b> 20-percent alcohol content (2024)</li> <li>○ Lithium-ion or lithium metal batteries is added to this group (2024)</li> <li>○ Vehicle repair garages for vehicles powered by lithium-ion or lithium metal batteries. Is added to this group (2024)</li> </ul>	2021 2024	Clarification				
<b>311.3</b>	Group S-2 Occupancy, Low-Hazard Storage - Beverages up to and including <b>16-percent</b> 20-percent alcohol	2024	Modification				
<b>403.5.3</b>	Where stairway doors in high-rise buildings are designed to be locked from the stairway side, two additional conditions for the unlocking of stairway doors have been established.	2024	Modification				

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<b>404.6</b>	In group I-2 and I-1, Condition 2 occupancies, the omission of the required fire barrier between the atrium and adjoining areas for up to 3 stories of the atrium is now acceptable where several specified conditions are met.	2024					
<b>407.4.4.4</b>	Circulation paths within care suites are not to be regulated as corridors or aisles, but have a minimum width of 36"	2024	Clarification	X		X	
<b>407.6.1</b>	In group I-2 occupancies, the closing of automatic-closing doors on hold-open devices must now also occur upon activation of the fire alarm system or automatic sprinkler system.	2021	Modification		X		
<b>411.1</b>	A new type of building use, the puzzle room, is now regulated in a manner consistent with traditional special amusement areas.	2021	Addition				
<b>414.2.3</b>	The scoping limitations of a fire-wall's use to create separate buildings have been expanded through a new allowance for the number of control areas permitted.	2021	Addition			X	
<b>422.7</b>	Domestic Cooking in ambulatory care facilities - New rules for domestic cooking appliances in a care facilities include fire safety measures, gas shutoffs with supervisory staff access, and timed shutoffs for appliances.	2021	Modification	X		X	
<b>424</b>	Play Structures - This section was formerly known as children's play structures. The code dropped the "children's" designation because this section applies to recreational equipment used by adults as well, such as climbing walls and obstacle courses. A section was also added to address flame spread limitations on interior finishes for play structures	2021	Modifications				
<b>Table 504.3</b>	Height limits in feet above grade plane have been established for the three new construction types addressing mass timber construction: IV-A, IV-B and I-VC.	2021	Addition			X	
<b>Table 504.4</b>	Height limits in stories above grade plane have now been established for the three new construction types included in mass timber construction, and increases in allowable heights for Group S-1 occupancies in sprinklered buildings of Type IIB and IIIB construction have been made.	2021	Addition			X	
<b>Table 506.2</b>	Building area limitations have been established for the 3 new construction types included in mass timber construction, and an increase has occurred in allowable single-story floor area fro Group I-3 occupancies in sprinklered buildings of Type IIA construction.	2021	Addition			X	

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<b>506.3.2</b>	The methodology for establishing the permissible allowable area increase for frontage has been simplified through the use of a tabular format to make for a more efficient approach to allowable area determination.	2021	Modification			X	
<b>509.1</b>	The identification of stationary storage battery systems as incidental uses, and the corresponding fire separation required for such uses has been deleted from Table 509.1 and are now more comprehensively regulated by Section 1207 of the IFC.	2021	Modification			X	
<b>510.2</b>	Stairway construction in a Podium building of 1A construction on the bottom and Type III, IV, or V on top require 3-hour of separation, Stairs in the 1A can be of all combustible construction with a 3-hour separation.	2021	Modification			X	
<b>602.4</b>	Mass Timber Buildings	2021	Addition			X	
<b>Table 705.5</b>	The previous Table 602 (Exterior Wall Rating) - has been relocated to 705.5 for inclusion with the general exterior wall requirements. The table was also revised to include the new mass timber construction types.	2021	Modification			X	
<b>706.1.2</b>	Additional details and specific requirements in NFPA 221 are now part of the designated provisions for the design of fire walls.	2024	Modification			X	
<b>707.5</b>	Fire barriers creating an exit passageway may now terminate at a fire-resistive-rated top (lid) instead of continuing to the underside of the roof slab above.	2021	Modification			X	
<b>716.4</b>	Labeling and performance requirements for fabric fire-protective curtain assemblies have been established.	2021	Addition			X	
<b>717.5.2</b>	An allowance to eliminate fire dampers where a fully ducted HVAC system is provided has been modified to permit the use of flexible connections.	2021	Modification			X	
<b>722.7</b>	A prescriptive approach has been provided to achieve the required fire-resistive ratings for new mass timber construction type members and assemblies.	2021	Addition			X	
<b>806.9</b>	Combustible lockers are now regulated for interior finish purposes.	2021	Addition			X	
<b>903.2</b>	Revisions have been made to ensure that battery systems are adequately protected by sprinkler systems and that, in case of lithium-ion and lithium metal batteries, the sprinkler system is adequately designed to address that specific hazard.	2024	Modification			X	
<b>915</b>	Carbon Monoxide (CO) detection is now required in all occupancies where a CO-producing device is present.	2024	Modification			X	

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1008.2.1	Egress Illumination - Increases amount of lighting for along stairs and landings from 1 foot-candle to 10 foot-candles while stairs are in use (occupant sensors)	2021	Modification			X	
1009.2.1	Accessible elevators to Occupied: Now requires an elevator to an occupied roof if 4 stories or more above a level of exit discharge.	2021	Modification				
1009.2.2	Required maneuvering clearances at doorways along routes serving as accessible means of egress, including stairways, have been clarified.	2024	Clarification			X	
1009.6.2	The use of an interior area of refuge at the level of exit discharge instead of an exterior area for assisted rescue is now permitted.	2021	Modification			X	
1009.63	Area of Refuge Floor Space - Wheelchair space increase from 30"x 48" to 30" x 52" as required by the ICC A117.1- 2017 Standard	2021	Modification				
1010.1.3	The requirements for releasing the latching hardware and the force to open the door have been divided into separate subsections to provide coordination with ICC A117.1 - 2017 Standard.	2021	Modification		X		
1010.2.4	The general locking provisions have been expanded to allow locked doors in the egress system when desired due to the clinical needs of care recipients or where exterior areas egress back through the building	2021	Modification		X		
1010.2.4	New definitions of various types of bolting mechanisms and a new table clarify the types and locations for locks and latches.	2024	Modification				
1013.2	The requirement for low-level exit signs in sprinklered Group R-1 (Hotels) has been eliminated.	2024	Deletion				
1014.3-8	New clarification on how to measure	2024	Modification				
1015.3	An additional exception for minimum guard heights has been added for interior locations within Group R-2 and R-3 individual dwelling units	2024	Modification		X		
1102	The 2017 edition of the ICC A117.1 is now the referenced standard.	2021	Modification				
1105.1.1	Automatic doors are now required in A-1, A-2, A-3, and A-4 with over 300 occupants. And in B, M, R-1 with occupant loads greater than 500	2021	Addition		X		
1107.2	Vehicle Charging Stations: 5% of vehicle charging spaces are required to be accessible spaces.	2021	Addition		X		

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1110.4	Adult Changing Station: now required in assembly (1) and mercantile facilities (2), group B educational (3) and group E occupancies (4) that meet several requirements.	2024	Addition			X	
1110.6	Bottle Filling Stations - where provided they're required to be accessible.	2021	Addition			X	
1110.13.2	If service windows are provided then at least one shall be accessible.		Clarification		X		
1112.6	Requirements for accessible room designation signage has been relocated from the appendix into the body of the code.	2024	Addition		X		
1202.3	Insulation of unvented attics - A new option is available for the regulation of unvented attics with air-permeable insulation and vapor diffusion ports in warmer climates.	2021	Modification		X		
1207	Educational occupancies are now required to meet the enhanced classroom acoustic requirements of section 808 Of the ICC A117.1	2021	Addition	X		X	
1208.3	Dwelling units shall have a minimum of 190 sf. Of habitable space.	2024	Modification				
1208.4	Efficiency Dwelling Units - The minimum required floor area of an efficiency dwelling unit has been reduced from 220 to 190 sf.	2021	Modification			X	
1210.3	Restroom privacy - New requirement to provide privacy screening at entrance to public restrooms designed for more than one occupant.	2021	Addition			X	
1211.1	UV Germicidal Irradiation Systems - Systems shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 8802 and manufacturer instructions.	2024	Addition			X	
1610.2	Uplift loads of floors and foundations - Concrete slabs on ground must now be designed for uplift due to soil expansion and water pressure in areas prone to soil movement or a shallow water table.	2021	Addition			X	
1705.2.6	Special Inspection of Metal Building Systems - New provisions clarify special inspection requirements for metal building systems.	2024	Addition			X	
1705.3	Special inspection requirements have been added to address the anchorage of mass timber structural elements	2021	Addition			X	
1807.2.5	Guards on Retaining Walls - New provisions for guards on retaining walls are added.	2024	Addition			X	
1901.2.1	Structural Concrete with GFRP Reinforcement = New provisions and referenced standards are added for structural concrete reinforced with glass-fiber reinforcement	2024	Addition			X	
2308.2.7	Hillside Light-Frame Construction - New load path requirements are intended to improve the seismic performance of hillside light-frame wood buildings.	2024	Addition			X	



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2902	Minimum Plumbing Facilities - Additional methods added to determine the number and distribution of toilet and bathing facilities.	2021	Modification		X		
3115	Intermodal Shipping Containers - IBC now recognizes shipping containers as buildings if they comply with certain standards.	2021	Addition			X	
	<b>ICC A117.1-2017 Standard, Referenced by Chapter 11 in the IBC</b>						
304.3.1	Circular Turning Space - Increased from 60 to 67 inches for new buildings, knee space is limited to 10 inches			X		X	
304.3.2	T-Shaped Turning Space - Increased from 60 to 64 or 68 inches for new buildings. Knee space can still be in one base or one arm.			X		X	
305.3.1	Clear floor space for new buildings. Increased from 30 x 48 to 30 x 52			X		X	
403.5.2	Clear width of an accessible route at a 180-degree turn. The obstruction dimension is increased from 48 inches to 52 inches, if the turn is less than 52 inches then three options are provided. For new buildings.			X		X	
403.5.3	Clear width of an accessible route at a 90-degree turn. Four options are provided. For new buildings.			X		X	
403.5.4	Passing Space - New Building requirements for t-shaped space, it uses the 52-inch wheelchair space.			X		X	
404	Doors, Doorways and Gates - The term gates have been added			X		X	
409.4.1	Inside Dimensions for Private Residence Elevator Car. New Building requirements uses the 52 inch wheelchair space.			X		X	
410.5.1	Platform Lifts with Single Doors or Doors on Opposite Ends - New Building requirements uses the 52 inch wheelchair space.			X		X	
502.11	Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations - New section on EVCS			X		X	
507	Accessible Routes through Parking - Where accessible routes pass through parking facilities, they shall be physically separated from vehicular traffic.			X		X	
602.4	Bottle filling stations - If provided, clear floor space and accessible controls			X		X	
608.2.1.2	Clearance for Transfer Shower - New Building requirements uses the 52-inch wheelchair space.			X		X	

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<b>Appendix A</b>	Employee Qualifications. Appendix A provides optional criteria for the qualifications for jurisdictions to consider when hiring personnel to enforce the building code. Criteria for the building official, plan reviewers and inspectors are provided.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix B</b>	Board of Appeals. Appendix B provides criteria for Board of Appeals members. Also provided are procedures by which the Board of Appeals should conduct its business.	2024	Delete				Removed to section 113 of the Admin code
<b>Appendix C</b>	Group U—Agricultural Buildings. Agricultural buildings are given special consideration in Appendix C. Often such buildings have unique uses and structural needs. Where an agricultural building is surrounded by 60 feet of open area on all sides, size limits are waived. Automatic sprinkler protection may be required.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix D</b>	Fire Districts. Appendix D establishes a framework by which a jurisdiction can establish a portion of a jurisdiction as a fire district. Fire districts are often designated in a more densely developed portion of a city where limiting the potential spread of fire is a key consideration. Specific construction types and users are prohibited in a fire district.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix E</b>	Supplementary Accessibility Requirements. The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. Access Board) has revised and updated its accessibility guidelines for buildings and facilities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA). Appendix E includes scoping requirements contained in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design that are not in Chapter 11 and not otherwise mentioned or mainstreamed throughout the code. Items in this appendix address subjects not typically addressed in building codes (for example, beds, room signage, transportation facilities).	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix F</b>	Rodent proofing. The provisions of Appendix F are minimum mechanical methods to prevent the entry of rodents into a building. These standards, when used in conjunction with cleanliness and maintenance programs, can significantly reduce the potential of rodents invading a building.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix G</b>	Flood-Resistant Construction. Appendix G is intended to provide the additional flood-plain management and administrative requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that are not included in the code. Communities that adopt the International Building Code® and Appendix G will meet the minimum requirements of NFIP as set forth in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.	2024	Adopt				

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<b>Appendix H</b>	Signs. Appendix H gathers in one place the various standards that regulate the construction and protection of outdoor signs. Wherever possible, the appendix provides standards in performance language, thus allowing the widest possible application.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix I</b>	Patio Covers. Appendix I provides standards applicable to the construction and use of patio covers. It is limited in application to patio covers accessory to dwelling units. Covers of patios and other outdoor areas associated with restaurants, mercantile buildings, offices, nursing homes or other non-dwelling occupancies would be subject to standards in the main code and not this appendix.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix J</b>	Grading. Appendix J provides standards for the grading of properties. The appendix also provides standards for the administration and enforcement of a grading program, including permit and inspection requirements. Appendix J was originally developed in the 1960s and used for many years in jurisdictions throughout the western United States. It is intended to provide consistent and uniform code requirements anywhere grading is considered an issue.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix K</b>	Administrative Provisions. Appendix K primarily provides the administrative mechanisms for the enforcement of NFPA 70, the National Electrical Code. While NFPA 70 includes an administrative annex, the provisions of Appendix K are designed to be compatible with the administrative provisions found in Chapter 1 of the International Building Code®(IBC®) and the other I-Codes. With the exception of Section K111, this appendix contains only administrative provisions that are intended to be used by a jurisdiction to implement and enforce NFPA 70, the National Electrical Code. Annex H of NFPA 70 also contains administrative and enforcement provisions, and these provisions may or may not be completely compatible with or consistent with Chapter 1 of the IBC, whereas the provisions in this appendix are compatible and consistent with Chapter 1 of the IBC and other I-Codes. Section K111 contains technical provisions that are unique to this appendix and are in addition to those of NFPA 70.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix L</b>	Earthquake Recording Instrumentation. The purpose of Appendix L is to foster the collection of ground motion data, particularly from strong-motion earthquakes. When this ground motion data is synthesized, it may be useful in developing future improvements to the earthquake provisions of the code.	2024	Delete				

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<b>Appendix M</b>	Tsunami-Generated Flood Hazards. Appendix M allows the adoption of guidelines for constructing vertical evacuation refuge structures within areas that are considered tsunami hazard zones.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix N</b>	Replicable Buildings. Appendix N provides jurisdictions with a means of incorporating guidelines for replicable buildings into their building code adoption process. The intent of these provisions is to give jurisdictions a means of streamlining their document review process while verifying code compliance.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix O</b>	Performance-Based Application. Appendix O provides an optional design, review and approval framework for use by the building official. Typical uses would include cases of alternate methods in Chapter 1, select areas of the code that require a rational analysis such as Section 909 and elsewhere. It simply extracts the relevant administrative provisions from the ICC Performance Code into a more concise, usable appendix format for a jurisdiction confronted with such a need. Currently there are multiple, varying jurisdictional rules and procedures in many communities regarding procedure and none in even more. The building official is often left alone to reach decisions not just on the merits of a design but must first also decide on the submittal and review process. As an appendix, the provisions herein are entirely optional to a jurisdiction. This appendix can be adopted, adopted with local modifications, or even used on a case-by-case basis as part of a Memorandum of Understanding or similar legal agreement between the jurisdiction and the owner/design team. It simply represents another tool for the jurisdiction to reach for in cases of need; it neither encourages nor creates any additional opportunity for performance-based design.	2024	Delete				
<b>Appendix P</b>	Sleeping Lofts. Appendix P provides allowances for, and limitations on, spaces intended to be used as sleeping lofts, while differentiating these spaces from mezzanines and other habitable space	2024	Delete				