



DENVER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM FOR PROPOSALS TO THE 2019 DENVER BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS AND THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL CODES

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2) One proposal per this document is to be provided with clear and concise information.

Is a separate graphic file provided (“X” to answer): Yes or No

3) Highlight the code and acronym that applies to the proposal

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Code Name</u>
DBC-AP	Denver Building Code–Administrative Provisions	IPC	International Plumbing Code
IBC	International Building Code	IRC	International Residential Code
IECC	International Energy Conservation Code	IFGC	International Fuel Gas Code
IEBC	International Existing Building Code	IMC	International Mechanical Code
IFC	International Fire Code	DGC	Denver Green Code

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Please provide all the following items in your amendment proposal.

Code Sections/Tables/Figures Proposed for Revision:

Instructions: If the proposal is for a new section, indicate (new), otherwise enter applicable code section.

Proposal:

Instructions: Show the proposal using ~~strikeout~~, underline format.

Place an “X” next to the choice that best defines your proposal: Revision New Text Delete/Substitute
 Deletion

SECTION R202 DEFINITIONS

Section R202 is modified by adding the following definitions:

Non-separated, continuous, and open access path. A continuous and unobstructed path of vertical and horizontal egress travel that is not closed off by doors, contains a minimum clear width of 48-inches at openings, and the standard width of a corridor or stair.

Supporting Information (Required):

All proposals must include a written explanation and justification as to how they address physical, environmental, and/or customary characteristics that are specific to the City and County of Denver. The following questions must be answered for a proposal to be considered.

- Purpose: What does your proposal achieve?

This proposal defines the term non-separated, continuous, and open access path. Defining this term assists in codifying the [“Joint Denver Zoning and Building Code Policy, Interpretation, and Clarification —Residential Structures Containing a Second Complete and Independent Dwelling Unit.”](#)

- Reason: Why is your proposal necessary?

This proposal is necessary to define a term that will be utilized in the IRC administrative sections to define when a structure contains more than one dwelling unit. Denver zoning code is progressive in allowing attached accessory dwelling units, second full kitchens, partial kitchens, and short-term rentals in one-family dwellings. This has led to the need to define when a structure contains one or more dwelling units in a structure. Clearly defining this requirement provides users with the necessary information to design and construct safe spaces, including necessary fire separation between dwelling units.

This term will be utilized in defining the necessary path that is needed in a structure between two spaces that would otherwise be considered two dwelling units. If a non-separated, continuous, and open access path is provided between what would be considered two dwelling units, then the structure will be deemed one dwelling unit.

- Substantiation: Why is your proposal valid? (i.e. technical justification)

Reference the following building code policy for justification, "[Joint Denver Zoning and Building Code Policy, Interpretation, and Clarification —Residential Structures Containing a Second Complete and Independent Dwelling Unit.](#)"

Bibliography and Access to Materials (as needed when substantiating material is associated with the amendment proposal):

Other Regulations Proposed to be Affected

***For proposals to delete content from the 2019 Denver Green Code in conjunction with adding it to other mandatory Denver codes and/or regulations, only.**

Please identify which other mandatory codes or regulations are suggested to be updated (if any) to accept relocated content.

Referenced Standards:

List any new referenced standards that are proposed to be referenced in the code.

Impact:

How will this proposal impact cost and restrictiveness of code? ("X" answer for each item below)

Cost of construction: ___ Increase ___ Decrease X No Impact

Cost of design: ___ Increase ___ Decrease X No Impact

Restrictiveness: ___ Increase ___ Decrease X No Impact

Departmental Impact (City use only):

This amendment proposal increases/decreases/is neutral to the cost of plans review.

This amendment increases/decreases/is neutral to the cost of inspections.