



Ross Township

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

The Uniform Construction Code, contained in 34 Pa. Code, Chapters 401 — 405, as amended from time to time, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as the municipal building code of the Township.

[\[Ordinance 2124, 4/12/2004 § 2; Chapter 5 – Section 102, Township of Ross – Municipal Code\]](#)

The [Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code](#) regulation has adopted the following codes for use throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, effective 10/1/2018.

International Residential Code 2015

(code for one- and two-family dwellings no more than 3 stories in height)

International Building Code 2015

(code for all buildings and structures not regulated by the International Residential Code)

- Chapter 1 is not adopted (most of its requirements are incorporated in Chapter 403 of the UCC regulation).
- Chapter 27 (Electrical) requires that all electrical components, equipment and systems in buildings and structures covered by the IBC comply with the requirements of **NFPA 70, 2014 - National Electric Code**.
- Appendix E (Supplementary Accessibility Requirements) of the **International Building Code 2018**.
- Appendix H (Signs) of the **International Building Code 2009**.

International Existing Building Code 2015

International Energy Conservation Code 2015

International Fire Code 2015

(adopted only to the extent referenced in **Chapter 35** of the **International Building Code 2015**)

International Fuel Gas Code 2015

(any Liquefied Petroleum Gas requirements are superseded by the requirements of Pennsylvania's Propane and Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act (and regulations))

International Mechanical Code 2015

International Performance Code for Buildings and Facilities 2009

(provides alternative compliance approach)

International Plumbing Code 2015

International Wildland-Urban Interface Code 2015

(supplementary requirements that may be used to mitigate fire- and life-safety hazards in unique wildland areas)



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Important Notes:

Many of these codes have various code sections amended by the UCC Review and Advisory Council (RAC). This information was published on September 28, 2018 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and became effective on October 1, 2018. Access to these changes is provided by the link below..

[PA UCC - RAC Amendments](#)

Act 13 of 2004 stipulates that the following stairway tread and riser requirements will apply in all buildings that fall within the scope of the **International Residential Code**, in all occupancies in Use Group R-3 and within dwelling units in occupancies in Use Group R-2: The maximum stairway riser height shall be 8 ¼ inches (210 mm), the minimum tread depth shall be 9 inches (229 mm); and, a 1-inch (25 mm) nosing must be provided on stairways with solid risers.

The UCC regulations provide for the use of an **alternative to Chapter 11 of the International Residential Code (or Chapter 4 (RE) of the International Energy Conservation Code)**, to demonstrate compliance with the energy conservation requirements of the UCC.

The [Pennsylvania Alternative 2018 \(complying with the 2015 International Codes\)](#) was developed by the Pennsylvania Housing Research Center at Penn State University as an alternative compliance method.

The "**International Existing Building Code of 2015**" except that Section 101.2 (relating to scope) is modified to add an exception for detached residential buildings and townhouses not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures to comply with either the **International Existing Building Code of 2015** or the **International Residential Code of 2015**.

The accessibility provisions contained in the following sections of the **International Existing Building Code 2018** are adopted:

Section 301.5 (relating to compliance with accessibility).

Section 305 (relating to accessibility for existing buildings).

Section 1101.2 (relating to creation or extension of nonconformity).

Section 1508 (relating to construction sites).

Appendix "B" (relating to supplementary accessibility requirements for existing buildings and facilities).