

## CHAPTER 5 - GENERAL BUILDING HEIGHTS & AREAS - AMENDMENTS

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The ninth edition building code became first effective on October 20, 2017 and, with a shortened concurrency period, the new code came into full force and effect on January 1, 2018.

The new, ninth edition code is based on modified versions of the following *2015 International Codes as published by the International Code Council (ICC)*.

- The International Building Code (IBC);
- International Residential Code (IRC);
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC);
- International Mechanical Code (IMC);
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC);
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSA);
- Portions of the International Fire Code (IFC).

Massachusetts amends these code fairly significantly to accommodate for unique issues in the commonwealth. This package of amendments revise the IBC, IEBC, IMC, and IECC.

Please remember that the Massachusetts amendments posted on-line are *unofficial versions* and are meant for convenience only. Official versions of the Massachusetts amendments may be purchased from the State House Bookstore @ **Shop the Bookstore** and any of the I-Codes may be purchased from the International Code Council (ICC) @ **iccsafe.org**.

Additionally, the ICC publishes transition documents that identify changes from the 2009 to the 2015 I-Codes for those who may have interest.

- **International Building Code (IBC) Transition**
- **International Residential Code (IRC) Transition.**

780 CMR: MASSACHUSETTS AMENDMENTS TO THE *INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE 2015*

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**501.1** Add two notes as follows:

**Note 1:** Site plans may be required to contain fire lanes in accordance with 527 CMR: *Board of Fire Protection Regulations*. Any building fire protection system is governed by 780 CMR with the exception of M.G.L. c. 148, §§ 26 through 26I.

**Note 2:** In 780 CMR 5.00: *General Building Heights and Areas*, requirements for unsprinklered buildings may be overridden by the sprinkler requirements of M.G.L. c. 148.

**Note 3:** M.G.L. c. 111, § 51 requires hospitals and nursing homes of at least Type IB construction.

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