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# MINNESOTA RULES, CHAPTER 1300

## 1300.0010 ADMINISTRATION

This chapter provides administrative provisions for all Minnesota State Building Code rule chapters identified in part 1300.0050. If specific administrative provisions are provided in a statute or rule chapter, the specific administrative provisions apply.

Chapter 1315 shall be administered according to chapter 3800, and the Minnesota Electrical Act, Minnesota Statutes, sections 326.01, and 326.241 to 326.248. Provisions of this chapter that do not conflict with the Minnesota Electrical Act also apply.

## 1300.0020 TITLE

The chapters listed in part 1300.0050, including the standards they adopt by reference, are the Minnesota State Building Code and may be cited as or referred to as the “code.”

## 1300.0030 PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

Subpart 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this code is to establish minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

The purpose of the code is not to create, establish, or designate a particular class or group of persons who will or should be especially protected or benefitted by the terms of the code.

### Subp. 2. **Application.**

- A. The code applies statewide except as provided in Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.72 and 16B.72, and supersedes the building code of any municipality. The code does not apply to agricultural buildings except with respect to state inspections required or rulemaking authorized by Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.141, subdivision 8, and 326.244.
- B. The codes and standards referenced in a rule chapter are considered part of the requirements of the code to the prescribed extent of each reference. If differences occur between provisions of the code and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of the code apply.
- C. In the event that a new edition of the code is adopted after a permit has been issued, the edition of the code current at the time of permit application shall remain in effect throughout the work authorized by the permit.

## 1300.0040 SCOPE

The code applies to the construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, and use of any building, structure, or building service equipment in a municipality, except work located primarily in a public way, public utility towers and poles, mechanical equipment not specifically regulated in the code, and hydraulic flood control structures. Structures classified under part 1300.0070, subpart 12a, as IRC-1, IRC-2, IRC-3, and IRC-4 occupancies not more than three stories above grade plane in height with separate means of egress shall comply with chapter 1309 and other applicable rules. Other buildings and structures and appurtenances connected or attached to them shall comply with chapter 1305 and other applicable rules.

**Exception:** The following structures that meet the scope of chapter 1305 shall be designed to comply with Minnesota Rules, chapter 1311:

- (1) Existing buildings undergoing repair, alteration, or change of occupancy; and
- (2) Historic buildings.

If different provisions of the code specify different materials, methods of construction, or other requirements, the most restrictive provision governs. If there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement applies.

If reference is made in the code to an appendix, the provisions in the appendix do not apply unless specifically adopted by the code. Optional appendix chapters of the code identified in part 1300.0060 do not apply unless a municipality has specifically adopted them.

## 1300.0050 CHAPTERS OF MINNESOTA STATE BUILDING CODE

The Minnesota State Building Code adopted under Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.61, subdivision 1, includes the following chapters:

- A. 1300, Minnesota Building Code Administration;
- B. 1301, Building Official Certification;
- C. 1302, State Building Code Construction Approvals;
- D. 1303, Special Provisions;
- E. 1305, Adoption of the *International Building Code*;
- F. 1306, Special Fire Protection Systems;
- G. 1307, Elevators and Related Devices;
- H. 1309, Adoption of the *International Residential Code*;
- I. 1311, Minnesota Conservation Code for Existing Buildings;
- J. 1315, Adoption of the National Electrical Code;
- K. 1325, Solar Energy Systems;