

**2011 Appendix N - Apartments****Adoption and Amendment Process**

Purpose:

The Oregon Building Codes Division, in consultation with the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board (Board), establishes the timeline for the adoption and amendment of the Oregon Low Rise Code including Appendix N, which is applicable to certain apartments three stories or less above grade. This notice is to establish a time period for soliciting amendment proposals to the 2011 Appendix N.

The current Appendix N in Oregon is the 2008 edition. The division proposes to update Appendix N as is deemed necessary. A brief history delineating the scope and application of Appendix N is available at the following URL:

http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/bcd/programs/residential/20081007_lowrise_history.pdf

Timetable:

The division, in consultation with the board, has established June 8, 2010 through July 23, 2010 as the timetable for accepting proposed code amendments. No proposals from interested parties will be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on July 23, 2010.

The 2011 Appendix N is scheduled to be effective July 1, 2011.

Proposal process:

The existing Appendix N and any proposals for amendment will be forwarded to the Residential Code Change Committee for review. Any interested person may propose to:

- Propose code amendments.
- Make recommendations to incorporate statewide code interpretations and alternate method rulings into the code, or to carry these forward to the newly adopted code.
- Propose other codes or construction standards.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Code Change Committee. The committee will make recommendations to the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board concerning the adoption of proposed amendments and the revision or carrying forward, of current provisions. Committee meetings will be scheduled for summer 2010 and will likely continue through September 2010.

All proposals must be submitted to the division in writing using the division's Code Amendment Proposals Application form, including the code amendment proposal criteria on the back of the form. Incomplete applications may not be accepted.

The [Code Amendment Proposal Application](#) form should be completed electronically and submitted directly to Dana Fischer at dana.c.fischer@state.or.us. The [form](#) is also available for download.

Code adoption and amendment administrative rules are located in [Division 8](#).

Contact:

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