



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD  
c/o DCRA – 1100 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024

CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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CODE: Fire SECTION NO: 1103.3 SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. FC-FLS-11-2-13  
PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE: Fire Life Safety CHAIR: Taylor PHONE: 202 727 1805 E-mail: herbert.taylor@dc.gov  
DATES OF PROPOSAL: 4-18-2012 CCCB PRESENTATION: 4-19-2012 CCCB APPROVAL: 4.27.12

CHECK ONE  Revise section to read as follows:  Delete section and substitute the following:  
 Add new section to read as follows:  Delete section without substitution.

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT  
~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under Format, click font and check strikethrough)  
UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED  
Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

See next page.

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)  
 Increase  Decrease  Negligible  Unknown  
Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling to  
Per 1,000SF of commercial building to

- JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:  
Please reference one or more of the criteria required
- To address a critical life/safety, health, general welfare need.
  - To address a specific District of Columbia policy or statute
  - For consistency with federal, or with reference to the Metro DC area (MD, VA) codes
  - Address a unique character issue in the District of Columbia
  - Correction of errors and omissions

This proposed deletion and additional language will clarify that this requirement for elevators in existing buildings will be applied in a manner that is consistent with the 2012 International Existing Building Code as adopted by the District. The 2012 ICC Codes do not adopt ASME A17.3 as a required maintenance standard for existing elevators. Compliance would cost a minimum of \$50,000; however, for many elevators it will prove impossible to do so and therefore require full modernization, at a cost of approximately \$200,000. For these reasons, in the last code cycle the Council of the District of Columbia specifically rejected adoption of this requirement for the District, other than when Level 3 Alterations are being undertaken per the Existing Building Code. This code change was labeled FLS-46-4-11 when approved as a part of 2011 12 DCMR H, on 11-2-2010.



**461103 FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS**

*Strike Section 461103.23 of the International Fire Code in its entirety and insert new Section 461103.23 to the Fire Code in its place to read as follows:*

**461103.23 Elevator operation.** Existing elevators with a travel distance of 25 feet (7620 mm) or more above or below the main floor or other level of a building, and intended to serve the needs of emergency personnel for fire-fighting or rescue purposes, shall be provided with emergency operation when required by the Existing Building Code.