

## Chapter ILHR 50

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Note: Chapter Ind 50 as it existed on December 31, 1976, was repealed and a new chapter Ind 50 was created effective January 1, 1977; chapter Ind 50 was renumbered to be chapter ILHR 50, effective January 1, 1984.

#### Part I—Purpose and Scope

**ILHR 50.01 Purpose of code.** The purpose of this code is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and employes by establishing minimum standards for the design, construction, structural strength, quality of materials, adequate egress facilities, sanitary facilities, natural lighting, heating and ventilating, energy conservation, and fire safety for all public buildings and places of employment.

Note 1: The purpose as stated can be traced to the terms used in the "safe place" statutes, ch. 101, Stats.

Note 2: This code is intended for the protection of the public and is not intended as a design manual, a textbook or a construction manual.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77.

**ILHR 50.02 Scope of chapters.** The provisions of chs. ILHR 50-64 apply to all public buildings and places of employment. The provisions of these chapters are not retroactive unless specifically stated in the administrative rule. Where different sections of these chapters specify different re-

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quirements, the most restrictive requirement shall govern, except as specified in ss. ILHR 51.02 (11) (b) 4., 58.001 (2) (c), 62.93 and 64.57 (4).

Note: For a definition of "public building" and "place of employment," see ss. ILHR 51.01 (102b) and 51.01 (104a) or s. 101.01 (2), Stats.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82; am. Register, October, 1982, No. 322, eff. 11-1-82; am. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; am. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 1-1-86.

#### SPECIAL NOTE #1

AN ASTERISK (\*) FOLLOWING THE SECTION OR SUBSECTION NUMBER INDICATES EXPLANATORY MATERIAL ON THAT PARAGRAPH MAY BE FOUND IN APPENDIX A. EXAMPLE: ILHR 51.01 (16)\* — SEE A-51.01 (16) IN APPENDIX A. THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THIS APPENDIX AND THE NOTES FOUND IN THE CODE ARE NOT PART OF THE ENFORCEABLE RULES OF THIS CODE AND ARE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY.

#### SPECIAL NOTE #2

THE OVERALL ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE IS EQUALLY SHARED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR AND THE FIRE INSPECTOR. NORMALLY, THE BUILDING INSPECTOR HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING WHILE THE FIRE INSPECTOR HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AFTER THE BUILDING IS COMPLETED. THE ENFORCEMENT OF MANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE IS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRE INSPECTOR AND COMPLIANCE WITH THESE PROVISIONS SHOULD BE OF PRIMARY CONCERN WHILE CONDUCTING THE FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS MANDATED BY SECTION 101.14, STATS. A GUIDELINE FOR THIS TOPIC HAS BEEN PREPARED. THE LETTERS "FP" MEANING FIRE PREVENTION AND APPEARING IN THE MARGIN ADJACENT TO A RULE INDICATES THE PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RULE IS THAT OF THE FIRE INSPECTOR. FURTHER EXPLANATORY MATERIAL FOR THE INDICATED RULES MAY BE FOUND IN APPENDIX B. EXAMPLE: SEE S. ILHR 51.20 AND APPENDIX B.

#### Part II—Application of Building Code

**ILHR 50.03 Application.** (1) **NEW BUILDINGS AND ADDITIONS.** The provisions of this code shall apply to all new buildings and structures, and also to additions to existing buildings and structures, except those indicated in s. ILHR 50.04.

(2) **ALTERATIONS TO BUILDINGS.** The provisions of this code shall apply to all remodeling or alterations in any building or structure which affect the structural strength, fire hazard, exits, required natural lighting or replacement of major equipment. These provisions do not apply to minor repairs necessary for the maintenance of any building or structure nor to buildings exempt, as listed in s. ILHR 50.04.

(b) *Denial of approval.* If the department determines that the plans or the application do not substantially conform to the provisions of this code, the application for conditional approval will be denied, in writing.

Note: A letter will be sent to the designer and the owner of record with a statement relating to the examination of the plans and citing the conditions of approval or denial. The plans will be dated and stamped "conditionally approved" or "not approved," whichever applies. The department will retain one copy of the plans for all projects. The department will forward one copy of the plans for projects of less than 100,000 cubic feet and alterations of less than \$100,000 estimated cost to the state building inspector of record. The remaining plans will be returned to the person designated on the plans approval application.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (1) (g) 1, Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; am. (4) (b), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 7-1-78; am. (1) (g) (intro.), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. (2) (c) 1., (3) (intro.) and (4) (b), cr. (2) (k), Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80; am. (1) (b) and (d), (2) (c) 2., (d) and (i), (3) (d), (4) (a), renum. (1) (e), (f) and (g) to be (1) (f), (g) and (i) and am. (1) (f) and (i) (intro.), cr. (1) (e) and (h), Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82; r. and recr. (1) (i), am. (4) (a) 2. intro., Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; am. (5) (intro.), Register, January, 1985, No. 349, eff. 2-1-85; am. (1) (intro.) and (2) (intro.), Register, April, 1985, No. 352, eff. 5-1-85; am. (4) (a) 1., Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 1-1-86; r. (2) (k), Register, December, 1985, No. 360, eff. 1-1-86.

**ILHR 50.125 Wisconsin insignia.** A Wisconsin insignia shall be installed on a manufactured multi-family dwelling approved by the department and inspected at the manufacturing plant.

(1) **AFFIXING WISCONSIN INSIGNIA.** Each Wisconsin insignia shall be assigned and affixed to a specific manufactured multi-family dwelling in the manner approved by the department before it is shipped from the manufacturing plant. The serial number shall be located on the manufacturer's data plate.

(2) **MANUFACTURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES.** (a) *Insignia records.* The manufacturer shall keep permanent records regarding the handling of all Wisconsin insignias indicating the number of Wisconsin insignias which have been affixed to manufactured multi-family dwellings or manufactured building components (or groups of components); which Wisconsin insignias have been applied to which manufactured multi-family dwelling or building component; the disposition of any damaged or rejected Wisconsin insignias. The records shall be maintained by the manufacturer or by the independent inspection agency for at least 10 years. A copy of the records shall be sent to the department upon request.

(b) *Lost or damaged insignia.* 1. If Wisconsin insignias become lost or damaged, the department shall be notified immediately, in writing, by the manufacturer or dealer.

2. If Wisconsin insignias become damaged, the insignia shall be returned to the department with the appropriate fee to obtain a new insignia.

(3) **INSIGNIA SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.** The department may suspend or revoke its approval if it determines that the standards for construction or the manufacture and installation of a manufactured multi-family dwelling do not meet this code or that such standards are not being enforced as required by this code.

(a) Upon suspension or revocation of the approval, no further insignias shall be attached to any manufactured multi-family dwelling with respect to which the approval was suspended or revoked.

(b) Upon suspension or revocation of the approval, all insignias allocated to the manufacturer shall be returned to the department no later than 30 days from the effective date.

History: Cr. Register, May, 1980, No. 293, eff. 6-1-80.

**ILHR 50.13 Footing and foundation approval.** Upon submission of the plans approval application form, at least 4 sets of footing and foundation plans, a plot plan, schematic floor plans locating exits, elevations, itemized structural loads, structural foundation calculations, and a fee, the department or its authorized representative, as provided in s. ILHR 50.21, may conditionally approve the footing and foundation plans to permit construction of the footings and foundations prior to the examination and approval of the complete plans. The department shall review and make a determination on an application for footing and foundation approval within 15 business days of receipt of the application and all forms, fees, plans and documents required to complete the review.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. Register, May, 1980, No. 293, eff. 6-1-80; am. Register, January, 1985, No. 349, eff. 2-1-85; am. Register, April, 1985, No. 352, eff. 5-1-85.

**ILHR 50.14 Permission to start construction.** Upon submission of the plans approval application form, 4 complete sets of building plans and one copy of specifications, a written request by the owner to start construction, and a fee, the department or its authorized representative, as provided in s. ILHR 50.21, may issue a permission to start construction form for the footings and foundations. The holders of the permission form shall proceed at their own risk without assurance that a conditional approval for the building will be granted. The department shall review and make a determination on an application for permission to start construction within 3 business days of receipt of the application and all forms, fees, plans and documents required to complete the review.

Note 1: A permission to start construction form (form SB-198) is illustrated in the Appendix.

Note 2: Section 66.036, Stats., prohibits issuance of building permits by counties, cities, towns or villages for structures requiring connection to a private domestic sewerage treatment and disposal system unless the system satisfies all applicable requirements and all necessary permits for such system have been obtained.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. Register, May, 1980, No. 293, eff. 6-1-80; am. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; am. Register, January, 1985, No. 349, eff. 2-1-85; am. Register, April, 1985, No. 352, eff. 5-1-85.

**ILHR 50.15 Evidence of plan approval.** The architect, engineer, designer, builder, manufacturer or owner shall keep at the building site one set of plans bearing the stamp of conditional approval and a copy of the specifications. The plans shall be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the department.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. Register, May, 1980, No. 293, eff. 6-1-80.

**ILHR 50.16 Revocation of approval.** The department may revoke any approval, issued under the provisions of this code, for any false statements or misrepresentation of facts on which the approval was based.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77.

**ILHR 50.17 Expiration of plan approval and extension of plan approval.**  
(1) EXPIRATION OF PLAN APPROVAL. Except as provided in sub. (2), plan  
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approval by the department or its authorized representative shall expire 2 years after the date indicated on the approved plans if construction has not commenced within that 2 years or if, having once begun, construction ceases for a period of 2 years or more.

(2) **EXTENSION OF PLAN APPROVAL.** Upon request and payment of the fee under s. Ind 69.09 (7), plan approval shall be extended for one 2-year period provided that the approved plans are revised to comply with the code in effect at the time of the extension request and the request is submitted during the original approval period.

Note: According to s. 66.05 (1) (a), Stats., the local governmental body or building inspector may order the razing of buildings or structures, or portions thereof, where there has been a cessation of normal construction for more than 2 years.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; r. and recr. Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9-1-86.

**ILHR 50.175 Department limitation.** A conditional approval of a plan by the department shall not be construed as an assumption of any design responsibility.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9-1-86.

**ILHR 50.18\* Inspections.** (1) **ON-SITE.** Inspections shall be conducted by an authorized representative of the department to ascertain whether or not the construction or installations conform to the conditionally approved plans, the conditional approval letter, and the provisions of this code.

(2) **IN-PLANT.** Manufacturers of multi-family dwellings shall contract with the department or an independent inspection agency to conduct in-plant inspections to assure that the manufactured multi-family dwellings are in compliance with the plans approved by the department. All inspections shall be performed by a certified inspector or independent inspection agency.

Note: See Appendix A for an example of the inspection progress report (form SB-224B) and inspection report and orders (form SB-2).

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. Register, May, 1980, No. 293, eff. 6-1-80.

**ILHR 50.19 Approval of materials, equipment and devices.** All materials, equipment and devices not specifically mentioned in this code shall be permitted if approved in writing by the department. Sufficient data, tests and other evidence to prove that the material, equipment or device is equivalent to the standards required in this code shall be submitted. Upon receipt of a fee and a written request, the department may issue an approval number for the material, piece of equipment or device. The department shall review and make a determination on an application for material, equipment and device approval within 30 business days of receipt of all forms, fees, plans and documents required to complete the review.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. Register, January, 1985, No. 349, eff. 2-1-85.

**ILHR 50.20\* Fees.** Fees for petitions for variance, material approval, plan examination and approval, and for inspection of buildings, structures, and heating and ventilating shall be submitted as specified in s.

\*See Appendix A for further explanatory material.

Ind 69.09. Fees shall be submitted at the time the application for approval is submitted. No plan examinations, approvals or inspections shall be made until the fees are received.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 1-1-86.

#### Part V—First Class City and Certified Municipal Approvals

**ILHR 50.21 Agent municipalities and counties.** (1) **GENERAL.** This section shall establish the manner under which cities, villages, towns and counties may examine building plans and inspect buildings relative to s. 101.12 (3) (a), (b) and (g), Stats.

(2) **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION.** Before assuming the responsibilities of examining building plans and providing inspection services cities, villages, towns and counties shall comply with all of the following conditions:

(a) Notify the department, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the date upon which the municipality or county intends to assume the responsibilities.

(b) Adopt by ordinance or regulation the responsibilities of plan examination and building inspection.

(c) Adopt by ordinance or regulation chs. ILHR 50 to 64 in its entirety.

(d) Submit to the department a certified copy of all ordinances or regulations assuming the plan examination and building inspection responsibilities and adopting chs. ILHR 50 to 64.

(e) Employ certified inspectors to perform the plan examination and building inspection functions.

(f) Forward to the department any information requested by the department relative to the examination of plans and the inspections of buildings.

(g) Notify the department, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the date upon which the municipality or county intends to relinquish the responsibilities.

(3) **JURISDICTION.** (a) *Departmental.* 1. Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from conducting its own investigations or inspections or issuing orders relative to the administration and enforcement of chs. ILHR 50 to 64.

2. The department shall administer and enforce chs. ILHR 50 to 64 in any municipality or county which has not assumed the responsibilities for plan examination and building inspections under sub. (2).

(b) *County.* 1. Ordinances enacted by a county under sub. (2) establishing county plan examination and building inspection functions shall apply to all municipalities within that county which have not assumed those functions pursuant to sub. (2).

2. Ordinances enacted by a county under sub. (2) establishing county plan examination and building inspection functions may not prevent or

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prohibit any municipality within that county from assuming those functions pursuant to sub. (2) at any time.

(4) **CERTIFICATION OF INSPECTORS.** Inspectors employed by agent municipalities and counties to administer and enforce chs. ILHR 50 to 64 under sub. (2) shall be certified by the department in accordance with ch. ILHR 26 as certified commercial building inspectors.