

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 101.02 (1), 101.63 (1), 101.64 (3), 101.72 and 101.74, Stats., the Department of Commerce will hold a public hearing on proposed rules under chapters Comm 20-25 relating to the Uniform (1-2 Family) Dwelling Code.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

Date and Time:

Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 10:30am

Location:

Room 3B Tommy G. Thompson Commerce Center
201 West Washington Avenue, Madison, WI

Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and present comments on the proposed rules. Persons making oral presentations are requested to submit their comments in writing. Persons submitting comments will not receive individual responses. The hearing record on this proposed rulemaking will remain open until July 7, 2008, to permit submittal of written comments from persons who are unable to attend the hearing or who wish to supplement testimony offered at the hearing. Written comments should be submitted to Duane Hubeler, at the Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 2658, Madison, WI 53701-2658, or Email at duane.hubeler@wisconsin.gov

This hearing is held in an accessible facility. If you have special needs or circumstances that may make communication or accessibility difficult at the hearing, please call (608) 266-8741 or (608) 264-8777 (TTY) at least 10 days prior to the hearing date. Accommodations such as interpreters, English translators, or materials in audio tape format will, to the fullest extent possible, be made available upon a request from a person with a disability.

The proposed rules and an analysis of the proposed rules are available on the Internet at the Safety and Buildings Division Web site at www.commerce.wi.gov/SB/. Paper copies may be obtained without cost from Roberta Ward, at the Department of Commerce, Program Development Bureau, P.O. Box 2689, Madison, WI 53701-2689, or Email at roberta.ward@wisconsin.gov, or at telephone (608) 266-8741 or (608) 264-8777 (TTY). Copies will also be available at the public hearing.

The small business regulatory coordinator for the Department of Commerce is Carol Dunn, who may be contacted at telephone (608) 267-0297, or Email at carol.dunn@wisconsin.gov.



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Dear Mr. Hoesly:

**TRANSMITTAL OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF HEARING
AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW**

RULE NO.: Chapters Comm 20-25

RELATING TO: Uniform Dwelling Code

AGENCY UNIT RESPONSIBLE: Safety & Buildings Division

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: YES NO

CONTACT PERSON: Duane Hubeler TITLE: Engineering Consultant

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Pursuant to sections 227.14 (4m) and 227.17, Stats., agencies are required to transmit a written notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council and a written notice of hearing to the Revisor of Statutes, for publication in the Administrative Register.

On the date on this letter the department is submitting proposed rules to the Legislative Council and is submitting the following material to you:

1. Notice of Public Hearing or 30-Day Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
2. Fiscal Estimate.
3. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.
4. Draft of Proposed Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack L. Fischer, A.I.A.
Secretary

INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

Department of Commerce

RULE NO.: Chapters Comm 20-25

RELATING TO: Uniform (1-2 Family) Dwelling Code

1. Types of small businesses that will be affected by the rules.

Contractors, tradespeople, material suppliers, and other small businesses have been affected by the Uniform Dwelling Code since its inception in 1980 and will be affected by the proposed rules.

2. Reporting, bookkeeping and other procedures required for compliance with the rules.

None

3. Types of professional skills necessary for compliance with the rules.

There are no additional skills necessary to comply with these rules.

4. Rules have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

No

Rules not submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Yes

Rules submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 (R06/99)

ORIGINAL
 CORRECTED

UPDATED
 SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
Chapters Comm 20-25
Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject

Uniform Dwelling Code

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

Increase Existing Appropriation
 Decrease Existing Appropriation
 Create New Appropriation
 Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Revenues

Increase Costs - May be Possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No
 Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

Towns Villages Cities

2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

Counties Others _____

School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The proposed rules update provisions for the Uniform Dwelling Code, chapters Comm 20-25. The Uniform Dwelling Code establishes uniform, statewide standards for the design and construction of one- and 2- family dwellings. The vast majority of the proposed revisions involve technical issues with the revisions intended to clarify current policies and requirements. The current administration and enforcement aspects of the code are not proposed to be significantly altered and therefore it is anticipated that the revisions will not have an impact on department and local municipality resources or costs.

The proposed rules do not significantly impact small businesses. The proposed rules do adopt more current technical design and construction standards used by designers and various tradespersons but those standards do not have a significant impact.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

No long-range fiscal implications are anticipated.

Agency/Prepared by: (Name & Phone No.)
Commerce/ James Quast, 266-9292

Authorized Signature/Telephone No.

Date

NOTICE of ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Department of Commerce

Rule No.: Chapters Comm 20-25

Relating to: Uniform (1-2 Family) Dwelling Code

Notice is hereby given that the Department has prepared a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) on the proposed rules. The preliminary recommendation is a finding of no significant impact. Copies of the preliminary EA are available from the Department on request and will be available at the public hearings. Requests for the EA and comments on the EA should be directed to:

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Written comments will be accepted until July 7, 2008.