

Building Code Policy Overview

Authority:

The authority to create policies is within MN rule 1300.0110 Subp. 1, which allows the Building Official to “...render interpretations of the code and adopt policies and procedures in order to clarify its application.”

Purpose:

The policies are intended to serve several purposes:

- Provide clarity and direction regarding specific applications of code provisions that cannot be clearly interpreted from the code text alone.
- Provide a consistent response to frequently occurring issues that would normally require a modification (ref. MN Rule 1300.0110 subp.12) or an alternate material or method of construction (ref. MN Rule 1300.0110 Subp. 13).
- To address errors in the code until such time that they are corrected through the proper rule making process.

Applicability:

The policies are applicable to projects under the jurisdiction of Rochester Community Development Department – Building Safety Division only.

Format:

The policy number format is based on the subject discipline first (B-Building, E-Energy, EL-Electrical, M-Mechanical, P-Plumbing, R-residential) followed by the chronological number. The effective date and the last revision date is also given.

Use:

This coversheet is applicable to every published Building Code Policies.