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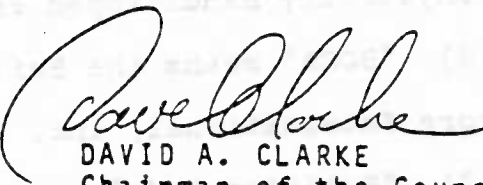
NOTICE

D.C. LAW 6-216

"Construction Codes Approval and Amendments
Act of 1986".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 6-500 on first and second readings, November 18, 1986 and December 16, 1986, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on February 2, 1987, this legislation was assigned Act No. 6-279, published in the February 13, 1987, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 34 page 1072) and transmitted to Congress on February 4, 1987 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 6-216, effective March 21, 1987.



DAVID A. CLARKE
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

February 4,5,6,9,10,11,17,18,19,20,23,24,25,26,27

March 2,3,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,16,17,18,19,20

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 6 - 279

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FEB 02 1987

To approve and make amendments to the Construction Codes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
That this act may be cited as the "Construction Codes
Approval and Amendments Act of 1986".

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) "ANSI" means the American National Standards Institute, Inc., American National Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to and Useable by Physically Handicapped People (1980).

(2) "BOCA" means the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc.

(3) "Building Code" means the BOCA Basic/National Building Code/1984, 9th Edition, the 1985 Supplement to the BOCA Basic/National Building Code, and the District of Columbia Building Code Supplement of 1986 as amended by the provisions of this act.

(4) "Construction Codes" means the consolidation

of the Model Codes, the D.C. Supplement, and the provisions of this act, and any future amendments, supplements, or editions authorized by section 10.

(5) "Council" means the Council of the District of Columbia.

(6) "D.C. Supplement" means:

(A) The District of Columbia Building Code Supplement of 1986 submitted by the Mayor on June 30, 1986, as amended by section 11;

(B) The District of Columbia Plumbing Code Supplement of 1986 submitted by the Mayor on June 30, 1986, as amended by section 11;

(C) The District of Columbia Mechanical Code Supplement of 1986 submitted by the Mayor on June 30, 1986, as amended by section 11;

(D) The District of Columbia Fire Prevention Code Supplement of 1986 submitted by the Mayor on June 30, 1986, as amended by section 11;

(E) The District of Columbia Existing Structures Code Supplement of 1986 submitted by the Mayor on June 30, 1986, as amended by section 11;

(F) The District of Columbia One and Two Family Dwelling Code Supplement of 1986 submitted by the Mayor on June 30, 1986, as amended by section 11; and

(G) The District of Columbia Electrical Code

Supplement of 1986 submitted by the Mayor on June 30, 1986,
as amended by section 11.

(7) "District" means the District of Columbia.

(8) "Electrical Code" means the National Fire Protection Association National Electrical Code 1984, and the District of Columbia Electrical Code Supplement of 1986 as amended by the provisions of this act.

(9) "Existing Structures Code" means the BOCA Basic/National Existing Structures Code/1984, 1st Edition, and the District of Columbia Existing Structures Code Supplement of 1986 as amended by the provisions of this act.

(10) "Fire Prevention Code" means the BOCA Basic/National Fire Prevention Code/1984, 6th Edition, the 1985 Supplement to the BOCA Basic/National Fire Prevention Code, and the District of Columbia Fire Prevention Code Supplement of 1986 as amended by the provisions of this act.

(11) "Mechanical Code" means the BOCA Basic/National Mechanical Code/1984, 5th Edition, the 1985 Supplement to the BOCA Basic/National Mechanical Code, and the District of Columbia Mechanical Code Supplement of 1986 as amended by the provisions of this act.

(12) "Model Codes" means:

(A) The BOCA Basic/National Building Code/1984, 9th Edition;

(B) The BOCA Basic/National Plumbing

Code/1984, 6th Edition;

(C) The BOCA Basic/National Mechanical

Code/1984, 5th Edition;

(D) The BOCA Basic/National Fire Prevention

Code/1984, 6th Edition;

(E) The BOCA Basic/National Existing

Structures Code/1984, 1st Edition;

(F) The CABO One and Two Family Dwelling

Code, 1983 Edition;

(G) The National Fire Protection Association

National Electrical Code 1984; and

(H) The 1985 Supplement to the BOCA

Basic/National Building Code, Basic/National Fire Prevention Code, Basic/National Mechanical Code, and Basic/National Plumbing Code.

(13) "One and Two Family Dwelling Code" means the CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code, 1983 Edition, and the District of Columbia One and Two Family Dwelling Code Supplement of 1986 as amended by the provisions of this act.

(14) "Plumbing Code" means the BOCA Basic/National Plumbing Code/1984, 6th Edition, the 1985 Supplement to the BOCA Basic/National Plumbing Code, and the District of Columbia Plumbing Code of 1986 as amended by the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. Approval.

The Council approves the Construction Codes.

Sec. 4. Scope.

(a) The Construction Codes shall control:

(1) Matters concerning the construction, reconstruction, alteration, addition, repair, removal, demolition, use, location, occupancy, and maintenance of all buildings, structures, signs, advertising devices, and premises in the District and applies to existing or proposed buildings and structures;

(2) The construction, prefabrication, alteration, repair, use, occupancy, and maintenance of detached 1 or 2 family dwellings not more than 3 stories in height, and their accessory structures;

(3) The design, construction, installation, maintenance, alteration, conversion, change, repair, removal, and inspection of electrical conductors, equipment, and systems in buildings or structures and on public space within the District, for the transmission, distribution, and use of electrical energy for power, heat, light, radio, television, signaling, and for other purposes;

(4) The design, installation, maintenance, alteration, and inspection of mechanical systems, including heating systems, ventilating systems, cooling systems, steam and hot water heating systems, water heaters, process piping, boilers and pressure vessels, appliances using gas,

liquid, or solid fuel, chimneys and vents, mechanical refrigeration systems, fireplaces, barbecues, incinerators, crematories, and air pollution systems;

(5) The design, installation, repair, or removal of plumbing fixtures intended to receive and discharge water, liquid, or water-carried wastes into the drainage system with which they are connected; the introduction, maintenance, and extension of a supply of water through a pipe or pipes, or any appurtenance thereof, in any building, lot, premises, or establishment; connection or repair of any system of drainage whereby foul, waste, or surplus water, gas, vapor, or other fluid is discharged or proposed to be discharged through a pipe or pipes from any building, lot, premises, or establishment into any public or house sewer, drain, pit, box, filter bed, or other receptacle, or into any natural or artificial watercourse flowing through public or private property; ventilation of any building, sewer, or any fixture or appurtenance connected therewith; excavation of any public or private street, highway, road, court, alley, or space for the purpose of connecting any building, lot, premises, or establishment with any service pipe house sewer, public water main, private water main, public sewer, private sewer, subway, conduit, or other underground structure; the performance of all classes of work usually done by plumbers and drain layers including the removal of

plumbing fixtures, pipes, and fittings;

(6) Minimum requirements to safeguard life, property, or public welfare from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling, or use of substances, materials, and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life, property, or public welfare in the use or occupancy of buildings, structures, sheds, tents, lots, or premises;

(7) Minimum maintenance standards for all structures and premises for basic equipment and facilities for light, ventilation, space heating, and sanitation; for safety from fire; for space, use, and location; for safe and sanitary maintenance of all structures and premises now in existence; for minimum requirements for all existing buildings and structures for means of egress, fire protection systems, and other equipment and devices necessary for life safety from fire; for rehabilitation and reuse of existing structures and for allowing differences between the application of the code requirements to new construction and to alterations and repairs and for fixing the responsibilities of owners, operators, and occupants of all structures; and

(8) The design and construction of the exterior envelopes and the selection of heating, ventilating, air conditioning, service water heating, electrical distribution

and illuminating systems, and equipment required for the effective use of energy.

(b) The Construction Codes shall apply to those buildings occupied by or for any foreign government as an embassy or chancery to the extent provided for in section 206 of Foreign Missions Act, approved August 24, 1982 (96 Stat. 286; D.C. Code, sec. 5-1206(g)).

(c) The Construction Codes shall not apply to public buildings or premises owned by the United States government, including appurtenant structures and portions of buildings, premises, or structures, that are under the exclusive control of an officer of the United States government in his or her official capacity. If a lessor is responsible for maintenance and repairs to property leased to the United States government, the property shall not be deemed to be under the exclusive control of an officer of the United States government.

Sec. 5. Intent.

The Construction Codes shall be construed to secure their expressed intent, which is to ensure public safety, health, and welfare by building construction, through structured strength, energy and water conservation, accessibility to the physically handicapped, adequate egress facilities, sanitary equipment, light, ventilation, and fire safety; and, in general, to secure safety to life and