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Department of Land Use - Building Inspections

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Subject: **Scope**
References: **2012 International Energy Conservation Code**

This Staff Code Interpretation is intended to be used to clarify Section R101.2 "Scope" in the above referenced Code Edition.

Below is the exact text from the sections of the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code in question.

Section R101.2, Scope. This code applies to Residential buildings and the building sites and associated systems and equipment.

Question: In the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code, Section R101.2 "Scope" states this code shall apply to residential buildings which is defined as including one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) as well as Group R-2, R-3, and R-4 buildings three stories or less in height above grade plane. Based on this definition, would this code apply to their accessory structures as well?

Answer: Yes, the intent of the IECC is to regulate "Residential Buildings" and their accessory structures per the residential provisions of the code and to regulate all other buildings, "Commercial Buildings", per the commercial provisions of the code. If an accessory structure were not regulated per the residential provisions it would be required to comply with the commercial provisions.

NCC Stance: The requirements of the IECC apply to the primary structure and to all associated accessory structures.

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