

## CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION

### SECTION 101 GENERAL

**101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the *Kentucky Building Code*, hereinafter referred to as "this code." This edition of the Kentucky Building Code (KBC) is essentially the 2006 International Building Code (IBC) and shall be utilized in conjunction with the 2006 IBC except where specifically amended in these regulations.

**101.2 Scope.** The provisions of the *Kentucky Building Code* shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance and removal of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures, whether hereafter erected or, where expressly stated in this code, existing; and whether on land, over water, or on water, permanently moored to land, and substantially a land structure.

#### Exceptions:

- 1. Farm dwellings and other buildings.** Farm dwellings and other buildings and structures located on farms which are incident to the operation of the farm and located outside the boundary of a municipality; but only if they are not used in the business of retail trade, as a regular place of work for 10 or more people or for the processing or storage of timber products
- 2. Manufactured homes.** Manufactured homes constructed under federal HUD standards. However, the exterior electric, water and sewer connections and additions to the home are not exempt.
- 3. Single-family dwellings.** Detached single-family dwellings shall comply with Section 101.4.7, except that, permits, inspections and certificates of occupancy are required only as set forth in local ordinances.
- 4. Swimming pools.** Swimming Pools constructed completely above grade.

**101.2.1 Special religious use group.** Upon application by a religious group whose religious beliefs would be violated by the application of the Kentucky Building Code, Kentucky Residential Code, Kentucky Plumbing Code or any of the standards referenced therein, the Board of Housing, Building and Construction may place the affected building into the "Special Religious Use" group and waive any requirement of the Kentucky Building Code, the Kentucky Residential Code, the Kentucky Plumbing Code or any referenced standard. The Board of Housing, Buildings and Construction may place a project into the Special Religious Use Group only if it finds after a hearing that:

1. The religious group applying for the waiver exists for spiritual and religious purposes and was not formed solely to request this waiver;
2. The religious group's belief system conflicts with a requirement of the Kentucky Building Code, Kentucky Residential Code, Kentucky Plumbing Code or referenced standard;
3. The religious group can demonstrate that the portion of its belief system which conflicts with the Kentucky Building Code, Kentucky Residential Code, Kentucky Plumbing Code, or referenced standard is historical and not created solely in response to the project for which the waiver is being requested;
4. The waiver is not being requested solely for economic, aesthetic or convenience reasons;
5. The waiver would not create a situation so unsafe that there is an overriding interest in protecting the health and safety of the general public; and
6. The religious group has taken adequate steps to ensure the project will be brought up to code in the event the religious group no longer owns the building or otherwise no longer qualifies for the waiver.

**101.3 Intent.** The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment.

**101.4 Referenced codes.** The other codes listed in Sections 101.4.1 through 101.4.7 and referenced elsewhere in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference.

**101.4.1 Electrical.** In every instance in which the ICC *Electrical Code* is listed, it shall be replaced with NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*. The provisions of NFPA 70 shall apply to the installation of electrical systems, including alterations, repairs, replacement, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances thereto. The inspection of electrical installations shall be performed by a Certified Electrical Inspector pursuant to 815 KAR 35:015.

**101.4.2 Gas.** The provisions of NFPA 54, *National Fuel Gas Code*, shall apply to the installation of gas piping from the point of delivery, gas appliances and related accessories as covered in this code. These requirements apply to gas piping systems extending