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**CURRENTLY ADOPTED CODES OF DEKALB COUNTY WITH AMENDMENTS (June 2006)**

**a.) THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE / 2003 as amended below;**

*General*

- 1.) In all Chapters and Sections where “name of jurisdiction” and/or “chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction” is written, insert “County of DeKalb, Illinois”.
- 2.) In all Chapters and Sections where “International Accessibility Code” is written, insert, “Currently adopted State of Illinois Accessibility Code”.

*Section 101.1, Title*, is amended to read as follows:

**101.1 Title:** These regulations shall be known as the Building Code of DeKalb County, Illinois, hereinafter referred to as “this Code”.

*Section 102.6, Existing Structures*, is amended to read as follows:

**102.6 Existing Structures:** The legal occupancy of any structure existing on the date of adoption of this Code, or for which it has been heretofore approved, shall be permitted to continue without change, except as is specifically covered in this Code, the DeKalb County Housing Code, and the Illinois rules and regulations for fire safety, or as deemed necessary by the Building and Development Officer for the general safety and welfare of the occupants and public.

*Section 104.1 Code Official*, is amended to read as follows:

**104.1 Building and Development Officer:** The office of building inspection is hereby created as part of the DeKalb County Planning, Zoning and Building Department and the Building and Development Officer shall be known as the Code Official.

*Section 105.2 “Work Exempt From Permit”*. The following sections are hereby deleted:

**105.2 - Building: 1.** “detached accessory structure 200 square feet or less.”

**105.2 - Building: 2.** “Fences not over 6' in height.”

*Section 112 Board of Appeals*, is amended to add the following:

The board of appeals shall consist of three members appointed by the County Board Chairman as follows: one for five years, one for four years, and one for three years. Thereafter, each new member shall serve for five years or until a successor has been appointed.

*Section 311 Storage Group S*, is amended to delete all references pertinent to agriculture and agricultural uses.

*Section 312 Utility and Miscellaneous Group U*, is amended to delete all references pertinent to agriculture and agricultural uses.

*Section 903.3.5 Water Supplies*, is amended to read as follows:

**903.3.5 Water Supplies:** The potable water supply shall be protected against backflow in accordance with requirements of the most recent version of the State of Illinois Plumbing Code.

*Section 907.2.10.2 Power source*, is amended to read as follows:

**907.2.10.2 Power source** In addition to the required AC primary source, required smoke detectors in Use Groups R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 and I-1 shall receive power from a battery or other approved secondary power source when AC primary power is interrupted.

*Section 1009.3*, is amended to read as follows:

**Section 1009.3 Exception 7.** In one & two family dwellings, the maximum riser height shall be 8-1/4 inches (210 mm) and the minimum tread depth shall be 9 inches (229 mm)”.

*Section 1805.2.1 Frost Protection, Exception 2* is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 1805.2.1 Frost Protection, Exception 2.** Freestanding accessory buildings with an area of 800 square feet or less shall not be required to be protected.

*Chapter 29 Plumbing Systems* is deleted in its entirety.

*Section 3107 Signs*, is hereby amended to add the following:

**Section 3107.2 New Signs.** A new sign shall not hereafter be erected, constructed, altered, or maintained except as herein provided, and until after a permit has been issued by the Code Official.

**Section 3107.3 Alterations.** Except as otherwise stated, no sign as defined shall be erected, constructed, altered or relocated until meeting the requirements of all County ordinances, obtaining a permit from the County, and as necessary from the Illinois Department of Transportation and paying the fees as required in the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance. Routine maintenance, changing of parts or sign displays designed for changes shall not be considered an alteration.

**b.) NFPA 70 / NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE / 2002**

**c.) THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE / 2003**, as amended below.

*General*

In all Chapters and Sections where “name of jurisdiction” or “chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction” is written, insert “County of DeKalb, Illinois”.

*Section 106.5.2 Fees* is amended to read:

See DeKalb County Building Permit Fee Schedule

*Section 106.5.3 Refunds* is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**d.) THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE / 2003**, as amended below.

*General*

In all Chapters and Sections where “name of jurisdiction” and/or “chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction” is written, insert “County of DeKalb, Illinois”.

*Section R105.2 “Work Exempt From Permit.”* The following sections are hereby deleted:

**R105.2 - 1.** “detached accessory structure 200 square feet or less.

**R105.2 - 2.** “Fences not over 6' in height.

*Section R112 Board of Appeals*, is hereby amended to add the following:

The board of appeals shall consist of three members appointed by the County Board Chairman as follows: one for five years, one for four years, and one for three years. Thereafter, each new member shall serve for five years or until a successor has been appointed.

*Section R112.2.1 Determination of Substantial Improvement in Areas Prone to Flooding*, and *Section R112.2.2 Criteria for Issuance of a Variance for Areas Prone to Flooding* are hereby deleted.

*Section R311.5.3 - Stairway Treads & Risers* is hereby amended to read as follows:

**R311.5.3.1 Riser height.** The maximum riser height shall be 8 1/4”.

**R311.5.3.2 Tread depth.** The minimum tread depth shall be 9”.

*Section R313.2 Power Source* is hereby amended to read as follows:

**R313.2 Power Source** In addition to the required AC primary source, required smoke detectors

shall receive power from a battery or other approved secondary power source when AC primary power is interrupted.

*Section R403.1.4.1 Frost Protection*, is hereby amended to read as follows.

**R403.1.4.1 Frost Protection, Exception 1.** Freestanding accessory buildings with an area of 800 square feet or less and an eave height of 10 feet or less shall not be required to be protected.

**R403.1.4.1 Frost Protection, Exception 2.** Is deleted in its entirety.

*Table N1102.1 Simplified Prescriptive Building Envelope Thermal Component Criteria Minimum Required Thermal Performance (U-Factor and R-Value)* is hereby amended to place DeKalb County in Climate Zone 13, provided, however, that the minimum insulation R-value for walls shall be R-13, and for basement walls shall be R-0.

*Chapters 25-32* are hereby deleted in their entirety.

*The following Appendices* are adopted in their entirety:

Appendix E    Manufactured Housing Used As Dwellings

Appendix F    Radon Control Methods

Appendix G    Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs

Appendix H    Patio Covers

Appendix J    Existing Buildings And Structures

**e.) THE ILLINOIS STATE PLUMBING CODE**

The most recent Illinois State Plumbing Code, Plumbing License Law and Plumbers Licensing Code currently in force as mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health, and subsequent amendments and updates thereto.

**f.) THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE / 2003**, as amended below.

*General*

In all Chapters and Sections where “name of jurisdiction” or “chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction” is written, insert “County of DeKalb, Illinois”.

*Section 103.2 Appointment* is amended as follows.

The fire code official shall be the fire chief of the local fire protection district in which the subject property is located.

**g.) THE ILLINOIS STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE**, as amended below.

*General*

All Residential sections set forth in the Illinois Energy Conservation Code and its Supplements currently in force are hereby deleted.

**h.) THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE / 2003**, as amended below.

*General*

In all Chapters and Sections where “name of jurisdiction” and/or “chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction” is written, insert “County of DeKalb”.

*Section 106.5.2 Fees* is amended to read:

See DeKalb County Building Permit Fee Schedule

*Section 106.5.3 Refunds* is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**i.) THE ILLINOIS ACCESSIBILITY CODE**

The most recent Illinois Accessibility Code currently in force as mandated by the Illinois Capital Development Board, along with any subsequent amendments and updates thereto.

