



The Association of Minnesota Building Officials

Committed to serving the public interest and the professionals that ensure safety in the built environment



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AMBO Code Adoption Policy

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AMBO seeks to ensure safety and affordability in the built environment by developing, recommending and promoting uniform regulations and legislation pertaining to the building environment and to facilitate uniformity of construction code administration. By providing for the professional development of all code officials we strive for fair and consistent enforcement of the state's codes.

Minnesota's State Building Code is a collective body of codes designed to regulate the structures and systems of the built environment in the best interest of the public. To ensure public safety the codes need to be developed free from the undue influence of those who have a financial interest in the content of the codes.

AMBO has traditionally opposed the creation of authoritative boards because it delegates broad administrative functions to a narrow set of stakeholders. AMBO prefers code development to be addressed by advisory bodies with broad stakeholder representation. AMBO works to improve all code adoption processes and encourages policy makers to examine and, if warranted, reconsider the mechanisms through which construction codes are advanced.

POLICY PRINCIPLES:

1. Code content must be developed through an open process that is in accordance with the administrative procedures act and within the powers delegated to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry.
2. Code content must be developed by representatives who are accountable to the public either through election, appointment or employment.
3. The process to develop code content must not be controlled by those with an economic interest in the code.
4. Code content must include performance-oriented provisions.
5. Code content must be consistent and coordinated with codes already adopted and used within the state.

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