

Resolution to Amend Wichita-Sedgwick County UBTC, Article 2, Section 4 – Adoption of the 2018 IRC

Metropolitan Area Building &
Construction Department

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UBTC Article 2 – Residential Building

- International Residential Code
- Latest Adoption in May 2015
- 2012 IRC with 100 Amendments
- 2018 IRC with 38 Amendments
- Appendix Q – Tiny Houses
- Code Incorporation / UBTC Consolidation

UBTC Article 2 – Residential Building

- Coordinated Across Related Codes
- 2015 International Plumbing Code
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2015 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2017 National Electrical Code

Usage of the IRC

- Sedgwick County / City of Wichita
- 18 Smaller Cities and 2 adjacent Counties
- Contractors Cooperative with Requirements
- No Safety or Management Issues
- Amendments Increase Manageability

2018 IRC - Adoption

- Board of Code Standards and Appeals
- Wichita Area Builders Association
- Reduces Amendments from 100 to 38
- Adoption of Appendix Q – Tiny Houses
- Staff, Community and Industry Support
- Board of County Commissioners – August 15

Appendix Q – Tiny Houses

UBTC

Section 2.4.910.

A dwelling that is 500 square feet or less in floor area excluding lofts.



*2018 International Residential
Code
Appendix Q*

Appendix Q – Tiny Houses

This provision relaxes various code requirements as they apply to single dwelling units on a permanent foundation, pertaining to:

- Stairs, handrails & headroom
- Ladders
- Reduced ceiling height in lofts
- Emergency escape and rescue opening



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It is recommended that the City Council place on first reading the ordinance amending Article 2, Section 4 of the Unified Building and Trade Code (UBTC) and authorize the necessary signatures

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