

Messages

David Cody

July 17, 2025 at 1:37 pm

Hello,

The mechanical comcheck will need to be based on the 2021 IECC with stretch code requirements, not the 2018 IECC. The TEDI report will need to be updated to reflect the 100% CD's. I understand the the AAB variance hearing was continued so there is no determination for the compliance or alternative on the original front hall stair. I will continue to review the rest of the plan set for the conformance to full 521 CMR compliance. The life safety /code review does re-iterate the code requirements for common path of egress travel with occupant load amounts in circles along the path, however, I will need documentation of the total occupant loads by occupancy type and area. If this is already stated in the planset, just refer to the page/section. Thank you for the full size plan set, trying to review this project on my desktop has been challenging.

Dave.

Stanislav Pchelka

July 28, 2025 at 8:06 am

Dave, I uploaded revised TEDI and HVAC Comcheck per your request. Design team is compiling revised life safety as well. Will upload when I have it

David Cody

September 8, 2025 at 9:44 am

My code review questions (to Date) have been uploaded.

David Cody

September 16, 2025 at 2:02 pm

I am issuing an Approval in Part to allow Site and Foundation work to proceed.

Stanislav Pchelka

October 14, 2025 at 11:09 am

Dave, I uploaded a document with responses from the design team addressing all your questions. I also uploaded a stair variance letter.

David Cody

November 14, 2025 at 9:36 am

Stanislav,

I was waiting on the Compliance Officer to respond for the AAB question related to the 48" beyond door swing requirement, found in 25.3. The exception for power door openers is found in 26.6, which is specific to 26.6.3 (pull side clearance) , 26.6.4 (push side clearance) and 26.6.8 (door opening force) Not in the exemption is 26.7 which is a re-iteration of the 48" plus width of swing as found in 25.3. Again , confirm that the area is compliant or get a variance from the AAB.

The multiuser non gendered toilet partitions are still not compliant as specified, regardless of conversations between the Architects and the Library, both entities which have no authority to waive requirements of the plumbing code. Again , make the design compliant, or provide documentation of the successful appeal to the plumbing board. If you need a letter from the Plumbing Inspector stating this , he will provide it.

Fixture count is related to overall occupancy, if you want to reduce the overall occupancy through some other mechanism, then I will need documentation that the reduction below calculated occupant load has been approved by the Library Board, and the plans / code review will be updated to reflect that. Otherwise, figure out how two more lavs. can be incorporated into the design.

David.



November 20, 2025

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Assignee David Cody

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