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What the code does

326B.101 State Building Code – Policy and Purpose

The commissioner shall administer and amend a state code of building construction which will provide basic and uniform performance standards, establish reasonable safeguards for health, safety, welfare, comfort, and security of the residents of the state and provide for the use of modern methods, devices, materials, and techniques which will in part tend to lower construction costs. The construction of buildings should be permitted at the least possible cost consistent with recognized standards of health and safety.
What the code does

Waterpark roof collapse from 2015
Where the code applies

326B.121 State Building Code; Application and Enforcement

(a) The State Building Code is the standard that applies **statewide** for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, and use of buildings and other structures of the type governed by the code.

(b) The State Building Code supersedes the building code of any municipality.

(c) The State Building Code does not apply to **agricultural** buildings except:
   (1) with respect to state inspections required or rulemaking authorized by sections 103F.141; 216C.19, subdivision 9; and 326B.36; and
   (2) translucent panels or other skylights without raised curbs shall be supported to have equivalent load-bearing capacity as the surrounding roof.
Where the code applies

326B.103 Subd. 3. Agricultural building

"Agricultural building" means a structure that is:
(1) on agricultural land as determined by the governing assessor for the municipality or county under section 273.13, subdivision 23;
(2) designed, constructed, and used to house farm implements, livestock, or agricultural products under section 273.13, subdivision 23; and
(3) used by the owner, lessee, and sub lessee of the building and members of their immediate families, their employees, and persons engaged in the pickup or delivery of agricultural products.
The State Building Code is enforced in 477 municipalities by 219 building officials for:

• 400 cities
• 61 townships
• 16 counties

The State Building Code applies statewide for the construction of buildings but is enforced only where identified below.

- The State Building Code is enforced throughout all portions of 12 counties
- The State Building Code is enforced in 45 cities and in all 152 townships
- The State Building Code is enforced in 172 cities and 16 townships
- The State Building Code is not enforced by a city, township, or county

To check whether a specific city or township enforces the State Building Code visit:
http://workplace.doli.state.mn.us/jurisdiction/
326B.121 Subd.2(b); Municipal Enforcement

If a municipality is not required ... to administer and enforce the State Building Code, the *municipality* may to choose to administer and enforce the State Building Code within its *jurisdiction* by adopting the code by ordinance.

- The jurisdiction of county is the unincorporated area.
- Cities within the county have the independent option of adopting the code.
Various ways counties enforce the code

326B.121 State Building Code; Application and Enforcement

Subd. 1 (f) A municipality may enforce the State Building Code by any means that are convenient and lawful, including
- [hiring employees]
- entering into contracts with other municipalities under section 471.59 - joint-powers
- [entering into contracts] with qualified individuals;
1300.0160 Fees

Subp. 1. Schedule. The applicant for a permit for a building; structure; or electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system or alterations requiring a permit shall pay the [permit] fee set forth by a fee schedule adopted by the municipality. When submittal documents are required to be submitted, a plan review fee shall be required.

Subp. 2. Commensurate with service. Fees established by the municipality must be by legal means and must be fair, reasonable, and proportionate to the actual cost of the service for which the fee is imposed.
Responsibility of non-code enforced counties

326B.112 Bleacher Safety

Subd. 4. Enforcement. (a) A statutory or home rule charter city that does not have in effect an ordinance adopting the State Building Code is responsible for enforcement in the city of the code's requirements for bleacher safety. In all other areas where there is no ordinance in effect adopting the State Building Code, the county is responsible for enforcement of the code's requirements for bleacher safety.
Responsibility of non-code enforced counties

326B.112 Bleacher Safety

Subd. 4. Enforcement. (b) Municipalities that have not adopted the code may enforce the code requirements for bleacher safety by either:
1) Entering into a joint powers agreement for enforcement with another municipality that has adopted the code
2) Contracting for enforcement with a qualified and certified building official or state licensed design professional to enforce the code.
Responsibility of non-code enforced counties

326B.112 Bleacher Safety
Responsibility of non-code enforced counties

326B.16 Enforcement of Requirements for Persons with Disabilities

Subd 1. Application. The State Building Code's requirements for persons with disabilities apply statewide. A statutory or home rule charter city that does not have in effect an ordinance adopting the State Building Code is responsible for enforcement in the city of the State Building Code's requirements for persons with disabilities. In all other areas where there is no ordinance in effect adopting the State Building Code, the county is responsible for enforcement of the State Building Code's requirements for persons with disabilities.
Responsibility of non-code enforced counties

326B.16 Enforcement of Requirements for Persons with Disabilities

Subd 2. Municipal Enforcement. Municipalities which have not adopted the State Building Code shall enforce the State Building Code’s requirements for persons with disabilities by:

(1) Entering into a joint powers agreement for enforcement with another municipality which has adopted the State Building Code;

(2) Contracting for enforcement with a certified individual;

(3) Hiring or training their own staff
Responsibility of non-code enforced counties

326B.16 Enforcement of Requirements for Persons with Disabilities
Verifying Residential Contractor License

326B.85 Subd. 1. Building permit. A political subdivision shall not issue a building permit to an unlicensed person who is required to be licensed under sections 326B.802 to 326B.885. A political subdivision that issues zoning or land use permits in lieu of a building permit shall not issue those permits to an unlicensed person who is required to be licensed under sections 326B.802 to 326B.885. The political subdivision shall report the person applying for the permit to the commissioner who may bring an action against the person.
Responsibility of non-code enforced counties

Verifying Residential Contractor License

326B.815 Fees. Subd. 2. Local surcharge. A local government unit may place a surcharge in an amount no greater than $5 on each land use, zoning, or building permit that requires a licensed residential building contractor, residential remodeler, residential roofer, or manufactured home installer for the purpose of license verification. The local government may verify a license by telephone, facsimile or electronic communication. A local government unit shall not issue a land use, zoning, or building permit unless the required license has been verified and is current.
Responsibility of others in non-code enforced counties

EVERYONE (homeowners, commercial & residential contractors & subcontractors, architects & engineers) must follow the State Building Code.

326B.121 Subd.1.Application.(a)
The State Building Code is the standard that applies *statewide* for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, and use of buildings and other structures of the type governed by the code.
Responsibility of others in non-code enforced counties

Residential Building Contractors & Roofers must be licensed

326B.805. Residential building contractors, residential remodelers, residential roofers, and manufactured home installers as defined herein, must be licensed by the commissioner.
Residential Building Contractors & Roofers must comply with the State Building Code

326B.84. The commissioner may use any enforcement provision in law against a residential building contractor if the contractor has refused to correct a violation of the State Building Code when the violation has been documented by a certified building official.
Responsibility of others in non-code enforced counties

Architects and Engineers must be licensed

326.03 Subd. 1. No person except an licensed architect or engineer shall practice architecture or professional engineering including the preparation of plans, specifications, reports or other documents.
Responsibility of others in non-code enforced counties

Architects and Engineers must be comply with the State Building Code

326.03 Subd. 1. In preparation of plans, specifications, and reports, reasonable care shall be given to compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, and building codes relating to design.
Responsibility of others in non-code enforced counties

Buildings **not required** to be designed by an Architect or Engineer

- Dining/drinking for 20 persons, 1-story & not larger than 1,000 GSF
- Business not more than 2-story w/basement and 2,250 GSF
- Factory (low hazard; F-2) not more than 1-story and 3,000 GSF
- Retail not more than 2-story w/basement and 1,500 GSF
- Non-vehicle storage (low hazard; I-2) not more than 1-story & 3,000 GSF
- Aircraft hangars not more than 1-story and 3,000 GSF
- Utility not more than 1,000 GSF
- Apartments/condominiums 3 units or less
- **One and two-family homes**
Responsibility of others in non-code enforced counties

Work that requires State Inspection and Approval

Electrical
Commercial plumbing
Elevators
Manufactured Housing installations
Construction and remodeling of
  • Public Schools
  • Hospitals
  • Nursing homes
  • Other licensed care facilities
  • State-owned buildings such as DNR and DOT
Assisting residents & construction professionals with questions

Visit the DLI/CCLD website at: http://www.dli.mn.gov/Ccld.asp

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**BUILDING CODES**

**HAS ADOPTED THE BUILDING CODE: JURISDICTION USING OPTIONAL BUILDING CODES: 1306 SUB 1306 SUB PART 3:**
- **YES**
- **NO**

For construction projects other than those listed below under "STATE PROJECTS" contact your local Building Department for regulations and/or requirements.

**ACCESSIBILITY ENFORCED:** LOCAL

**STATE PROJECTS**

- **State projects** are public buildings and state licensed facilities that fall under the authority of the Department of Labor and Industry Construction Codes and Licensing Division. These building types and facilities are defined below.

- **Public building** - "Public Building" means: (A) a building and its grounds, the cost of which is paid for by the state or state agency, regardless of its costs; and (B) a school district building project the cost of which is $100,000 or more.

- **State licensed facility** - "State licensed facility" means a building and its grounds that are licensed by the state as a hospital, nursing home, supervised living facility, free-standing outpatient surgical center, correctional facility, boarding care home, or residential hospice.

**For each state project an initial application must be submitted to Construction Codes and Licensing Division. Upon review the applicant will be notified if any of the work will be delegated to the municipality.**

For state application and permit information go to [http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/Codes.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/Codes.asp)
Assisting residents & construction professionals with questions

Local Inspector Lookup
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| STATE INSPECTOR NAME: | BRAD JENSEN |
| MUNICIPALITY INSPECTOR NAME: | JEFF MELBERG |

For state application and permit information go to [http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/Plumbing.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/Plumbing.asp)
Assisting residents & construction professionals with questions

http://www.dli.mn.gov/Ccld.asp
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http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/codes15.asp

The 2015 Minnesota state building codes

Code book fact sheets (PDFs)

- 2015 Minnesota Building Code Administration
- 2015 Minnesota Provisions to the State Building Code
- 2015 Minnesota Building Code
- 2015 Minnesota Elevator and Related Devices Code
- 2015 Minnesota Residential Code
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CODE BOOK FACT SHEET
2015 MINNESOTA RESIDENTIAL CODE

2015 MINNESOTA RESIDENTIAL CODE
• Regulates the design, construction, addition, alteration, repair, use, and location of detached one- and two-family dwellings, certain townhouses and their accessory structures.
• Contains detailed provisions governing dwelling construction including requirements for structural, life-safety, fire-safety and moisture protection.
• Is in Minnesota Rules Chapter 1309. The rule adopts by reference Chapters 2 through 10, 44, Section P2904 and Appendix K from the 2012 International Residential Code (IRC) as amended in Minnesota.

EFFECTIVE DATES
• Residential Code became effective Jan. 24, 2015
• Radon and Energy Codes became effective Feb. 14, 2015

CODE BOOK
The 2015 Minnesota Residential Code is a custom code book published for Minnesota by the International Code Council (ICC). It includes Minnesota’s amendments into the body of changed sections and reads as a unified code book. It also includes Minnesota chapters about Administration, Radon and Energy. There is no longer a need to separately purchase the ICC model code and Minnesota amendments and refer to them both. Now they are contained in a single reformatted Minnesota-specific code book.

The Minnesota Residential Code is available for free online viewing or can be purchased in soft-cover format (English and Spanish versions).

TO VIEW CODES ONLINE FREE
Visit www.dli.mn.gov/ccld/codes15.asp to view the code.

TO PURCHASE CODE BOOKS
• Minnesota’s Bookstore
  http://tinyurl.com/k8gtejs
  (651) 297-3000 or 1-800-657-3757

• International Code Council
  (701) 931-4533

This binder is an overview of Minnesota’s Residential Code and can be provided in different forms, such as large print, Braille or audio, by calling (651) 284-5012 or 1-800-657-3944. Visit www.dli.mn.gov/ccld/codes.asp for more information about this code. (Version 09/14)

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry | 443 Lafayette Road N, St. Paul, MN 55155 | Phone: (651) 284-5012 or 1-800-657-3944
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