CHAPTER 5
CLASSIFICATION OF WORK

SECTION 501
GENERAL

501.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall be used in conjunction with Chapters (6) 7 through (13) 11 and 13 and shall apply to the alteration, (repair), addition and change of occupancy of existing structures, including (historic and) moved structures, as referenced in Section 301.1.2. The work performed on an existing building shall be classified in accordance with this chapter.

501.1.1 Compliance with other alternatives. Alterations, (repairs), additions and changes of occupancy to existing structures shall comply with the provisions of Chapters 3 and (6) 7 through (13) 11 or with one of the alternatives provided in Section 301.1.

501.2 Work area. The work area, as defined in Chapter 2, shall be identified on the construction documents.

501.3 Occupancy and use. When determining the appropriate application of the referenced sections of this code, the occupancy and use of a building shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 3 of the International Building Code.

SECTION 502
REPAIRS

502.1 ((Scope. Repairs, as defined in Chapter 2, include the patching or restoration or replacement of damaged materials, elements, equipment or fixtures for the purpose of maintaining such components in good or sound condition with respect to existing loads or performance requirements.

502.2)) Application. Repairs shall comply with Section 305. (the provisions of Chapter 6))

502.3 Related work. Work on nondamaged components that is necessary for the required repair of damaged components shall be considered part of the repair and shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11.)

SECTION 503
ALTERATION—LEVEL 1

503.1 Scope. Level 1 alterations include the removal and replacement or the covering of existing materials, elements, equipment, or fixtures using new materials, elements, equipment, or fixtures that serve the same purpose.

503.2 Application. Level 1 alterations shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 7.

SECTION 504
ALTERATION—LEVEL 2

504.1 Scope. Level 2 alterations include the reconfiguration of space, the addition or elimination of any door or window, the reconfiguration or extension of any system, or the installation of any additional equipment.

504.2 Application. Level 2 alterations shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 7 for Level 1 alterations as well as the provisions of Chapter 8.

SECTION 505
ALTERATION—LEVEL 3

505.1 Scope. Level 3 alterations apply where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the (aggregate) floor area of the building.

505.2 Application. Level 3 alterations shall comply with the provisions of Chapters 7 and 8 for Level 1 and 2 alterations, respectively, as well as the provisions of Chapter 9.

SECTION 506
CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY

506.1 Scope. Change of occupancy provisions apply where the activity is classified as a change of occupancy as defined in Chapter 2.

506.2 Application. Changes of occupancy shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 10.

SECTION 507
ADDITIONS

507.1 Scope. Provisions for additions shall apply where work is classified as an addition as defined in Chapter 2.

507.2 Application. Additions to existing buildings shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 11.

((SECTION 508
HISTORIC BUILDINGS

508.1 Scope. Historic building provisions shall apply to buildings classified as historic as defined in Chapter 2.

508.2 Application. Except as specifically provided for in Chapter 12, historic buildings shall comply with applicable provisions of this code for the type of work being performed.)

SECTION 509
RELOCATED BUILDINGS

509.1 Scope. Relocated building provisions shall apply to relocated or moved buildings.

509.2 Application. Relocated buildings shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 13.

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Note: All alterations, additions and changes of occupancy are required to comply with Section 302.