

Proposed North Carolina Amendments to 2017 NEC
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Item 1: Retaining Existing NC Electrical Code Amendment, Article 10.

Article 10 - ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

10.1 TITLE

These Administrative Regulations along with the requirements included in the 2017 Edition of the National Electrical Code (NFPA-70 - 2017) as adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council on December 12, 2017, to be effective April 1, 2018, with the following amendments:

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| (1) <u>110.16</u> | (15) <u>250.50</u> | (29) <u>408.4(B)</u> |
| (2) <u>110.24(A)</u> | (16) <u>250.53(A)(2)</u> | (30) <u>409.22(B)</u> |
| (3) <u>110.26(E)(2)</u> | (17) <u>250.140</u> | (31) <u>422.5(B)</u> |
| (4) <u>110.41</u> | (18) <u>250.142(B)</u> | (32) <u>430.99</u> |
| (5) <u>210.8(A)(3)</u> | (19) <u>300.3(B)</u> | (33) <u>430.130(A)(4)</u> |
| (6) <u>210.8(B)(4)</u> | (20) <u>300.9</u> | (34) <u>440.10</u> |
| (7) <u>210.8(D)</u> | (21) <u>310.15(B)(7)</u> | (35) <u>Article 445</u> |
| (8) <u>210.12</u> | (22) <u>320.30(A)</u> | (36) <u>555.1</u> |
| (9) <u>210.12(B)</u> | (23) <u>328.30</u> | (37) <u>555.3</u> |
| (10) <u>210.12(C)</u> | (24) <u>330.30(A)</u> | (38) <u>555.24</u> |
| (11) <u>210.12(D)</u> | (25) <u>334.15(C)</u> | (39) <u>680.21(C)(1)</u> |
| (12) <u>210.52(B)(2)</u> | (26) <u>404.2(C)(8)</u> | (40) <u>680.21(C)(2)</u> |
| (13) <u>210.52(I)</u> | (27) <u>406.4(D)</u> | |
| (14) <u>230.95(C)</u> | (28) <u>406.12</u> | |

shall be known as the North Carolina Electrical Code, and may be cited as such or as the State Electrical Code; and will be referred to herein as “the code” or “this code”.

10.2 SCOPE

Article 80 Administration and Enforcement of the code is hereby not adopted and does not apply for this code. For Scope and Exceptions to Applicability of Technical Codes, refer to the North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies.

10.3 PURPOSE

The purpose of the code is to provide minimum standards, provisions and requirements of safe and stable design, methods of construction and uses of materials in buildings or structures hereafter erected, constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, converted to other uses of demolished and to regulate the electrical systems, equipment, maintenance, use and occupancy of all buildings or structures. All regulations contained in this code have a reasonable and substantial connection with the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare, and their provisions shall be construed liberally to those ends.

10.4 ADMINISTRATION

For administrative regulations pertaining to inspection (rough-ins and finals), permits and Certificates of Electrical Compliance, see local ordinances and the North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies. When the provisions of other codes are determined to be contrary to the requirements of this code, this code shall prevail.

10.5 DEFINITION

Unless the context indicates otherwise, whenever the word “building” is used in this chapter, it shall be deemed to include the word “structure” and all installations such as plumbing systems, heating systems, cooling systems, electrical systems, elevators and other installations which are parts of, or permanently affixed to, the building or structure.

10.6 APPLICATION OF CODE TO EXISTING BUILDINGS

For requirements of existing structures, refer to the North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies.

10.7 SERVICE UTILITIES

10.7.1 Connection of Service Utilities – No person shall make connections from a utility, source of energy, fuel or power to any building or system which is regulated by the technical codes until approved by the Inspection Department and a Certificate of Compliance is issued (General Statute 143-143.2)

10.7.2 Authority to disconnect Service Utilities – The Inspection Department shall have the authority to require disconnecting a utility service to the building, structure or system regulated by the technical codes, in case of emergency or where necessary to eliminate an imminent hazard to life or property. The Inspection Department shall have the authority to disconnect a utility service when a building has been occupied prior to Certificate of Compliance or entry into the building for purposes of making inspections cannot be readily granted. The Inspection Department shall notify the serving utility, and whenever possible the owner or occupant of the building, structure or service system of the decision to disconnect prior to taking such action. If not notified prior to disconnecting, the owner or occupant shall be notified in writing within eight (8) working hours (General Statutes 143-143.2, 153A-365, 153A-366, 160A-425 and 160A-426). **NORTH CAROLINA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2014 EDITION**

10.8 TEMPORARY POWER

10.8.1 Scope. The provisions of this section apply to the utilization of portions of the wiring system within a building to facilitate construction.

10.8.2 Provisions for Temporary Power. The Code enforcement official shall give permission and issue a permit to energize the electrical service when the provisions of 10.8 and the following requirements have been met:

- 1) The service wiring and equipment, including the meter socket enclosure, shall be installed, the service wiring terminated, and the service equipment covers installed.
- 2) The portions of the electrical system that are to be energized shall be complete and physically protected.
- 3) The grounding electrode system shall be complete.
- 4) The grounding and the grounded conductors shall be terminated in the service equipment.

5) At least one receptacle outlet with ground fault circuit interrupter protection for personnel shall be installed with the circuit wiring terminated.

6) The applicable requirements of the North Carolina Electrical Code apply.

10.8.3 Uses Prohibited. In no case shall any portion of the permanent wiring be energized until the portions have been inspected and approved by an electrical Code Enforcement Official. Failure to comply with this section may result in disconnection of power or revocation of permit.

10.8.4 Application for Temporary Power. Application for temporary power shall be made by and in the name of the applicant. The application shall explicitly state the port portions of the energized electrical system, mechanical system, or plumbing system for which application is made, its intended use and duration.

10.8.5 Security and Notification. The applicant shall maintain the energized electrical system or that portion of the building containing the energized electrical system in a secured and locked manner or under constant supervision to exclude unauthorized personnel. The applicant shall alert personnel working in the vicinity of the energized electrical system to its presence.

10.9 REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER STATE AGENCIES, OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

The North Carolina State Building Codes do not include all additional requirements for buildings and structures that may be imposed by other State agencies, occupational licensing boards, and commissions. It shall be the responsibility of a permit holder, design professional, contractor, or occupational license holder to determine whether any additional requirements exist.

Item 2: Retaining the language from 2014 NEC for section 110.16

AMENDMENT 110.16

Amend NEC 2017, page 45:

110.16 Arc-Flash Hazard Warning.

~~(A) **General.**—Electrical equipment, such as switchboards, switchgear, panelboards, industrial control panels, meter socket enclosures, and motor control centers, that is in other than dwelling units, and is likely to require examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while energized, shall be field or factory marked to warn qualified persons of potential electric arc flash hazards. The marking shall meet the requirements in 110.21(B) and shall be located so as to be clearly visible to qualified persons before examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance of the equipment.~~

~~(B) **Service Equipment.** In other than dwelling units, in addition to the requirements in (A), a permanent label shall be field or factory applied to service equipment rated 1200 amps or more. The label shall meet the requirements of 110.21(B) and contain the following information:~~

- ~~(1) Nominal system voltage~~
- ~~(2) Available fault current at the service overcurrent protective devices~~
- ~~(3) The clearing time of service overcurrent protective devices based on the available fault current at the service equipment~~
- ~~(4) The date the label was applied~~

~~*Exception: Service equipment labeling shall not be required if an arc flash label is applied in accordance with acceptable industry practice.*~~

Replace with:

110.16 Arc-Flash Hazard Warning. Electrical equipment, such as switchboards, switchgear, panelboards, industrial control panels, meter socket enclosures, and motor control centers, that are in other than dwelling units, and are likely to require examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while energized, shall be field or factory marked to warn qualified persons of potential electric arc flash hazards. The marking shall meet the requirements in 110.21(B) and shall be located so as to be clearly visible to qualified persons before examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance of the equipment.

Item 3: Retaining language from 2014 NEC for section 110.24(A)

AMENDMENT 110.24(A)

Amend NEC 2017, page 46:

110.24 Available Fault Current.

~~(A) **Field Marking.**—Service equipment at other than dwelling units shall be legibly marked in the field with the maximum available fault current. The field marking(s) shall include the date the fault-current calculation was performed and be of sufficient durability to withstand the environment involved. The calculation shall be documented and made available to those authorized to design, install, inspect, maintain, or operate the system.~~

Replace with:

110.24 Available Fault Current.

(A) **Field Marking.** Service equipment in other than dwelling units shall be legibly marked in the field with the maximum available fault current. The field marking(s) shall include the date the fault-current calculation was performed and be of sufficient durability to withstand the environment involved.

Item 4: Deleting subsection (c) of section 110.26(E)(2); (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 110.26(E)(2)

Amend NEC 2017, page 48:

(2) Outdoor. Outdoor installations shall comply with 110.26(E)(2)(a) through (c).

(a) *Installation Requirements.* Outdoor electrical equipment shall be the following:

- (1) Installed in identified enclosures
- (2) Protected from accidental contact by unauthorized personnel or by vehicular traffic
- (3) Protected from accidental spillage or leakage from piping systems

(b) *Work Space.* The working clearance space shall include the zone described in 110.26(A). No architectural appurtenance or other equipment shall be located in this zone.

Exception: Structural overhangs or roof extensions shall be permitted in this zone.

~~(c) *Dedicated Equipment Space.* The space equal to the width and depth of the equipment, and extending from grade to a height of 1.8 m (6 ft) above the equipment, shall be dedicated to the electrical installation. No piping or other equipment foreign to the electrical installation shall be located in this zone.~~

Replace with:

(2) Outdoor. Outdoor installations shall comply with 110.26(E)(2)(a) through (c).

(a) *Installation Requirements.* Outdoor electrical equipment shall be the following:

- (1) Installed in identified enclosures
- (2) Protected from accidental contact by unauthorized personnel or by vehicular traffic
- (3) Protected from accidental spillage or leakage from piping systems

(b) *Work Space.* The working clearance space shall include the zone described in 110.26(A). No architectural appurtenance or other equipment shall be located in this zone.

Exception: Structural overhangs or roof extensions shall be permitted in this zone.

(c) Deleted.

Item 5: Deleting section 110.41

AMENDMENT 110.41

Amend NEC 2017, page 52:

110.41 Inspections and Tests.

~~(A) **Pre-energization and Operating Tests.**—Where required elsewhere in this *Code*, the complete electrical system design, including settings for protective, switching, and control circuits, shall be prepared in advance and made available on request to the authority having jurisdiction and shall be tested when first installed on site.~~

~~(B) **Test Report.**—A test report covering the results of the tests required in 110.41(A) shall be available to the authority having jurisdiction prior to energization and made available to those authorized to install, operate, test, and maintain the system.~~

Replace with:

110.41 Inspections and Tests.

Deleted.

Item 6: Adding an Exception for sewer lift pumps to section 210.8(A)(3); (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 210.8(A)(3)

Amend NEC 2017, page 59:

(3) Outdoors

Exception to (3): Receptacles that are not readily accessible and are supplied by a branch circuit dedicated to electric snow-melting, deicing, or pipeline and vessel heating equipment shall be permitted to be installed in accordance with 426.28 or 427.22, as applicable.

Replace with:

(3) Outdoors

Exception No. 1 to (3): Receptacles that are not readily accessible and are supplied by a branch circuit dedicated to electric snow-melting, deicing, or pipeline and vessel heating equipment shall be permitted to be installed in accordance with 426.28 or 427.22, as applicable.

Exception No. 2 to (3): A single outlet receptacle supplied by a dedicated branch circuit which is located and identified for specific use by a sewage lift pump.

Item 7: Adding an Exception for sewer lift pumps to section 210.8(B)(4); (amendment that was accidentally omitted from previous Code adoption)

AMENDMENT 210.8(B)(4)

Amend NEC 2017, page 59:

(4) Outdoors

Exception No. 1 to (3) and (4): Receptacles that are not readily accessible and are supplied by a branch circuit dedicated to electric snow-melting, deicing, or pipeline and vessel heating equipment shall be permitted to be installed in accordance with 426.28 or 427.22, as applicable.

Exception No. 2 to (4): In industrial establishments only, where the conditions of maintenance and supervision ensure that only qualified personnel are involved, an assured equipment grounding conductor program as specified in 590.6(B)(3) shall be permitted for only those receptacle outlets used to supply equipment that would create a greater hazard if power is interrupted or having a design that is not compatible with GFCI protection.

Replace with:

(4) Outdoors

Exception No. 1 to (3) and (4): Receptacles that are not readily accessible and are supplied by a branch circuit dedicated to electric snow-melting, deicing, or pipeline and vessel heating equipment shall be permitted to be installed in accordance with 426.28 or 427.22, as applicable.

Exception No. 2 to (4): In industrial establishments only, where the conditions of maintenance and supervision ensure that only qualified personnel are involved, an assured equipment grounding conductor program as specified in 590.6(B)(3) shall be permitted for only those receptacle outlets used to supply equipment that would create a greater hazard if power is interrupted or having a design that is not compatible with GFCI protection.

Exception No. 3 to (4): A single outlet receptacle supplied by a dedicated branch circuit which is located and identified for specific use by a sewage lift pump.

Item 8: Deleting subsection (D) of section 210.8; (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 210.8(D)

Amend NEC 2017, page 59:

(D) Kitchen Dishwasher Branch Circuit. ~~GFCI protection shall be provided for outlets that supply dishwashers installed in dwelling unit locations.~~

Replace with:

(D) Kitchen Dishwasher Branch Circuit. Deleted.

Item 9: Replacing the words “a readily” with the word “an” and deleting kitchens and laundry areas from subsection (A) in section 210.12; (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 210.12

Amend NEC 2017, page 60:

210.12 Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection. Arc-fault circuit-interrupter protection shall be provided as required in 210.12(A), (B), (C), and (D). The arc-fault circuit interrupter shall be installed in a ~~readily~~ accessible location.

(A) Dwelling Units. All 120-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere branch circuits supplying outlets or devices installed in dwelling unit ~~kitchens~~, family rooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, ~~laundry areas~~, or similar rooms or areas shall be protected by any of the means described in 210.12(A)(1) through (6):

Replace with:

210.12 Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection. Arc-fault circuit-interrupter protection shall be provided as required in 210.12(A), (B), (C), and (D). The arc-fault circuit interrupter shall be installed in an accessible location.

(A) Dwelling Units. All 120-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere branch circuits supplying outlets or devices installed in dwelling unit family rooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, or similar rooms or areas shall be protected by any of the means described in 210.12(A)(1) through (6):

Item 10: Removing bathrooms from section 210.12(B)

AMENDMENT 210.12(B)

Amend NEC 2017, page 61:

(B) Dormitory Units. All 120-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere branch circuits supplying outlets and devices installed in dormitory unit bedrooms, living rooms, hallways, closets, ~~bathrooms,~~ and similar rooms shall be protected by any of the means described in 210.12(A)(1) through (6).

Replace with:

(B) Dormitory Units. All 120-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere branch circuits supplying outlets and devices installed in dormitory unit bedrooms, living rooms, hallways, closets, and similar rooms shall be protected by any of the means described in 210.12(A)(1) through (6).

Item 11: Deleting subsection (C) of section 210.12

AMENDMENT 210.12(C)

Amend NEC 2017, page 61:

~~(C) **Guest Rooms and Guest Suites.** All 120-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere branch circuits supplying outlets and devices installed in guest rooms and guest suites of hotels and motels shall be protected by any of the means described in 210.12(A)(1) through (6).~~

Replace with:

(C) **Guest Rooms and Guest Suites.** Deleted.

Item 12: Replacing the length of 1.8 m (6 ft) with 15.24 m (50 ft) in the Exception for section 210.12(D); (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 210.12(D)

Amend NEC 2017, page 61:

(D) Branch Circuit Extensions or Modifications — Dwelling

Units and Dormitory Units. In any of the areas specified in 210.12(A) or (B), where branch-circuit wiring is modified, replaced, or extended, the branch circuit shall be protected by one of the following:

- (1) A listed combination-type AFCI located at the origin of the branch circuit
- (2) A listed outlet branch-circuit-type AFCI located at the first receptacle outlet of the existing branch circuit

Exception: AFCI protection shall not be required where the extension of the existing conductors is not more than ~~1.8 m (6 ft)~~ and does not include any additional outlets or devices.

Replace with:

(D) Branch Circuit Extensions or Modifications — Dwelling

Units and Dormitory Units. In any of the areas specified in 210.12(A) or (B), where branch-circuit wiring is modified, replaced, or extended, the branch circuit shall be protected by one of the following:

- (1) A listed combination-type AFCI located at the origin of the branch circuit
- (2) A listed outlet branch-circuit-type AFCI located at the first receptacle outlet of the existing branch circuit

Exception: AFCI protection shall not be required where the extension of the existing conductors is not more than 15.24 m (50 ft) and does not include any additional outlets or devices.

Item 13: Adding an Exception to 210.52(B)(2) for allowing receptacles to be on the small-appliance circuit if with 1.8 m (6 ft) of the kitchen sink; (moving the intent of a current amendment for 210.8(A)(7) over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 210.52(B)(2)

Amend NEC 2017, page 65:

(2) No Other Outlets. The two or more small-appliance branch circuits specified in 210.52(B)(1) shall have no other outlets.

Exception No. 1: A receptacle installed solely for the electrical supply to and support of an electric clock in any of the rooms specified in 210.52(B)(1).

Exception No. 2: Receptacles installed to provide power for supplemental equipment and lighting on gas-fired ranges, ovens, or counter mounted cooking units.

Replace with:

(2) No Other Outlets. The two or more small-appliance branch circuits specified in 210.52(B)(1) shall have no other outlets.

Exception No. 1: A receptacle installed solely for the electrical supply to and support of an electric clock in any of the rooms specified in 210.52(B)(1).

Exception No. 2: Receptacles installed to provide power for supplemental equipment and lighting on gas-fired ranges, ovens, or counter mounted cooking units.

Exception No. 3: Receptacles installed inside a dwelling and within 1.8 m (6 ft) of any kitchen sink measured by the shortest path the cord of an appliance connected to the receptacle would follow without piercing a floor, wall, ceiling, or fixed barrier.

Item 14: Amending so that only one receptacle is required in foyers per section 210.52(I); (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 210.52(I)

Amend NEC 2017, page 66:

(I) Foyers. Foyers that are not part of a hallway in accordance with 210.52(H) and that have an area that is greater than 5.6 m² (60 ft²) shall have ~~a receptacle(s) located in each wall space 900 mm (3 ft) or more in width. Doorways, door side windows that extend to the floor, and similar openings shall not be considered wall space.~~

Replace with:

(I) Foyers. Foyers that are not part of a hallway in accordance with 210.52(H) and that have an area that is greater than 5.6 m² (60 ft²) shall have at least one receptacle.

Item 15: Retaining the language from 2014 NEC for section 230.95(C)

AMENDMENT 230.95(C)

Amend NEC 2017, page 91:

~~(C) **Performance Testing.**—The ground-fault protection system shall be performance tested when first installed on site. This testing shall be conducted by a qualified person(s) using a test process of primary current injection, in accordance with instructions that shall be provided with the equipment. A written record of this testing shall be made and shall be available to the authority having jurisdiction.~~

Replace with:

(C) **Performance Testing.** The ground-fault protection system shall be performance tested when first installed on site. The test shall be conducted in accordance with instructions that shall be provided with the equipment. A written record of this test shall be made and shall be available to the authority having jurisdiction.

Item 16: Replacing the word “present” with “available” in section 250.50; (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 250.50

Amend NEC 2017, page 112:

250.50 Grounding Electrode System. All grounding electrodes as described in 250.52(A)(1) through (A)(7) that are ~~present~~ at each building or structure served shall be bonded together to form the grounding electrode system. Where none of these grounding electrodes exist, one or more of the grounding electrodes specified in 250.52(A)(4) through (A)(8) shall be installed and used.

Exception: Concrete-encased electrodes of existing buildings or structures shall not be required to be part of the grounding electrode system where the steel reinforcing bars or rods are not accessible for use without disturbing the concrete.

Replace with:

250.50 Grounding Electrode System. All grounding electrodes as described in 250.52(A)(1) through (A)(7) that are available at each building or structure served shall be bonded together to form the grounding electrode system. Where none of these grounding electrodes exist, one or more of the grounding electrodes specified in 250.52(A)(4) through (A)(8) shall be installed and used.

Exception: Concrete-encased electrodes of existing buildings or structures shall not be required to be part of the grounding electrode system where the steel reinforcing bars or rods are not accessible for use without disturbing the concrete.

Item 17: At the March 14, 2017 BCC meeting, item was introduced as a B-8 item. If item is not rejected, adding Exception for temporary services for section 250.53(A)

AMENDMENT 250.53(A)(2)

Amend NEC 2017, page 113:

(2) Supplemental Electrode Required. A single rod, pipe, or plate electrode shall be supplemented by an additional electrode of a type specified in 250.52(A)(2) through (A)(8). The supplemental electrode shall be permitted to be bonded to one of the following:

- (1) Rod, pipe, or plate electrode
- (2) Grounding electrode conductor
- (3) Grounded service-entrance conductor
- (4) Nonflexible grounded service raceway
- (5) Any grounded service enclosure

Exception: If a single rod, pipe, or plate grounding electrode has a resistance to earth of 25 ohms or less, the supplemental electrode shall not be required.

Replace with:

(2) Supplemental Electrode Required. A single rod, pipe, or plate electrode shall be supplemented by an additional electrode of a type specified in 250.52(A)(2) through (A)(8). The supplemental electrode shall be permitted to be bonded to one of the following:

- (1) Rod, pipe, or plate electrode
- (2) Grounding electrode conductor
- (3) Grounded service-entrance conductor
- (4) Nonflexible grounded service raceway
- (5) Any grounded service enclosure

Exception No. 1: If a single rod, pipe, or plate grounding electrode has a resistance to earth of 25 ohms or less, the supplemental electrode shall not be required.

Exception No. 2: The supplemental ground electrode shall not be required at temporary electrical service installation (saw service pole) at a construction site provided all ungrounded circuits do not exceed 150 volts to ground, and the rating of the single disconnecting means or the summation of the ratings of multiple overcurrent devices that serve together as the disconnecting means, does not exceed 100 amperes.

Item 17 (Alternative): If item B-8 from the March 14, 2017 BCC meeting is rejected, keep current approved amendment for section 250.53(A)

(ALTERNATIVE) AMENDMENT 250.53(A)(2)

Amend NEC 2017, page 113:

(2) Supplemental Electrode Required. A single rod, pipe, or plate electrode shall be supplemented by an additional electrode of a type specified in 250.52(A)(2) through (A)(8). The supplemental electrode shall be permitted to be bonded to one of the following:

- (6) Rod, pipe, or plate electrode
- (7) Grounding electrode conductor
- (8) Grounded service-entrance conductor
- (9) Nonflexible grounded service raceway
- (10) Any grounded service enclosure

Exception: If a single rod, pipe, or plate grounding electrode has a resistance to earth of 25 ohms or less, the supplemental electrode shall not be required.

Only replace with the following if B-8 is rejected:

(2) Supplemental Electrode Required. A single rod, pipe, or plate electrode shall be supplemented by an additional electrode of a type specified in 250.52(A)(2) through (A)(8). The supplemental electrode shall be permitted to be bonded to one of the following:

- (6) Rod, pipe, or plate electrode
- (7) Grounding electrode conductor
- (8) Grounded service-entrance conductor
- (9) Nonflexible grounded service raceway
- (10) Any grounded service enclosure

Exception No. 1: If a single rod, pipe, or plate grounding electrode has a resistance to earth of 25 ohms or less, the supplemental electrode shall not be required.

Exception No. 2: The supplemental ground electrode shall not be required at temporary electrical service installation (saw service pole) at a construction site for one and two-family residences, provided the temporary electrical service does not exceed 150 volts to ground or 100A.

Item 18: At the March 14, 2017 BCC meeting, item was introduced as a B-4 item. If item is not rejected, adding a second Exception to section 250.140 and expanding the original Exception in subsection (3)

AMENDMENT 250.140

Amend NEC 2017, page 126:

250.140 Frames of Ranges and Clothes Dryers. Frames of electric ranges, wall-mounted ovens, counter-mounted cooking units, clothes dryers, and outlet or junction boxes that are part of the circuit for these appliances shall be connected to the equipment grounding conductor in the manner specified by 250.134 or 250.138.

Exception: For existing branch-circuit installations only where an equipment grounding conductor is not present in the outlet or junction box, the frames of electric ranges, wall-mounted ovens, counter-mounted cooking units, clothes dryers, and outlet or junction boxes that are part of the circuit for these appliances shall be permitted to be connected to the grounded circuit conductor if all the following conditions are met.

- (1) The supply circuit is 120/240-volt, single-phase, 3-wire; or 208Y/120-volt derived from a 3-phase, 4-wire, wye-connected system.*
- (2) The grounded conductor is not smaller than 10 AWG copper or 8 AWG aluminum.*
- (3) ~~The grounded conductor is insulated, or the grounded conductor is uninsulated and part of a Type SE service-entrance cable and the branch circuit originates at the service equipment.~~*
- (4) Grounding contacts of receptacles furnished as part of the equipment are bonded to the equipment.*

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Replace with:

250.140 Frames of Ranges and Clothes Dryers. Frames of electric ranges, wall-mounted ovens, counter-mounted cooking units, clothes dryers, and outlet or junction boxes that are part of the circuit for these appliances shall be connected to the equipment grounding conductor in the manner specified by 250.134 or 250.138.

Exception No. 1: For existing branch-circuit installations only where an equipment grounding conductor is not present in the outlet or junction box, the frames of electric ranges, wall-mounted ovens, counter-mounted cooking units, clothes dryers, and outlet or junction boxes that are part of the circuit for these appliances shall be permitted to be connected to the grounded circuit conductor if all the following conditions are met.

- (1) The supply circuit is 120/240-volt, single-phase, 3-wire; or 208Y/120-volt derived from a 3-phase, 4-wire, wye-connected system.
- (2) The grounded conductor is not smaller than 10 AWG copper or 8 AWG aluminum.
- (3) Any of the following:
 - a. The grounded conductor is insulated;
 - b. The grounded conductor is uninsulated and part of a Type SE service-entrance cable and the branch circuit originates at the service;
 - c. The grounded conductor is uninsulated and part of a cable assembly and all current-carrying conductors are protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter at the origination of the branch circuit; or
 - d. A new 3-wire cable assembly not smaller than the existing conductors shall be permitted to be extended from the service to an enclosure where the existing conductors shall be spliced together and provisions are made so that the grounded conductors are insulated by tape, heat-shrink or other approved means inside the enclosure.
- (4) Grounding contacts of receptacles furnished as part of the equipment are bonded to the equipment.

Exception No. 2: For existing branch-circuit installations only where an equipment grounding conductor is not present in the outlet or junction box, an equipment grounding conductor sized in accordance with 250.122 shall be permitted to be run separately from the circuit conductors.

Item 19: At the March 14, 2017 BCC meeting, item was introduced as a B-5 item. If item is not rejected, adding an Exception No. 5 for section 250.142(B)

AMENDMENT 250.142(B)

Amend NEC 2017, page 126:

(B) Load-Side Equipment. Except as permitted in 250.30(A)(1) and 250.32(B) Exception, a grounded circuit conductor shall not be used for grounding non-current-carrying metal parts of equipment on the load side of the service disconnecting means or on the load side of a separately derived system disconnecting means or the overcurrent devices for a separately derived system not having a main disconnecting means.

Exception No. 1: The frames of ranges, wall-mounted ovens, counter-mounted cooking units, and clothes dryers under the conditions permitted for existing installations by 250.140 shall be permitted to be connected to the grounded circuit conductor.

Exception No. 2: It shall be permissible to ground meter enclosures by connection to the grounded circuit conductor on the load side of the service disconnect where all of the following conditions apply:

- (1) No service ground-fault protection is installed.*
- (2) All meter enclosures are located immediately adjacent to the service disconnecting means.*
- (3) The size of the grounded circuit conductor is not smaller than the size specified in Table 250.122 for equipment grounding conductors.*

Exception No. 3: Direct-current systems shall be permitted to be grounded on the load side of the disconnecting means or overcurrent device in accordance with 250.164.

Exception No. 4: Electrode-type boilers operating at over 1000 volts shall be grounded as required in 490.72(E)(1) and 490.74.

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Replace with:

(B) Load-Side Equipment. Except as permitted in 250.30(A)(1) and 250.32(B) Exception, a grounded circuit conductor shall not be used for grounding non-current-carrying metal parts of equipment on the load side of the service disconnecting means or on the load side of a separately derived system disconnecting means or the overcurrent devices for a separately derived system not having a main disconnecting means.

Exception No. 1: The frames of ranges, wall-mounted ovens, counter-mounted cooking units, and clothes dryers under the conditions permitted for existing installations by 250.140 shall be permitted to be connected to the grounded circuit conductor.

Exception No. 2: It shall be permissible to ground meter enclosures by connection to the grounded circuit conductor on the load side of the service disconnect where all of the following conditions apply:

- (1) No service ground-fault protection is installed.*
- (2) All meter enclosures are located immediately adjacent to the service disconnecting means.*
- (3) The size of the grounded circuit conductor is not smaller than the size specified in Table 250.122 for equipment grounding conductors.*

Exception No. 3: Direct-current systems shall be permitted to be grounded on the load side of the disconnecting means or overcurrent device in accordance with 250.164.

Exception No. 4: Electrode-type boilers operating at over 1000 volts shall be grounded as required in 490.72(E)(1) and 490.74.

Exception No. 5: It shall be permissible to ground an existing panelboard enclosure by connection to the grounded circuit conductor for a one- and two-family dwelling where all the following conditions apply:

- (1) When relocating or installing an additional main disconnecting means;*
- (2) Enacting 250.142(B) Exception No. 5: (1) redefines the existing service entrance conductors as a feeder in Article 100;*
- (3) An equipment grounding conductor in the existing panelboard is not present;*
- (4) Replacement of the existing service entrance conductors requires either the removal of the building finish or deemed impractical by the AHJ.*
- (5) All grounding electrode conductors are removed completely from the existing panelboard; and*
- (6) The grounded conductors are insulated by tape, heat-shrink, or other approved means except where covered by the sheathing of a cable assembly or as needed for joints, splices, and termination purposes.*

Item 20: At the March 14, 2017 BCC meeting, item was introduced as a B-3 item. If item is not rejected, adding subsection (5) for existing panelboards in dwellings to section 300.3(B)

AMENDMENT 300.3(B)

Amend NEC 2017, page 134:

(B) Conductors of the Same Circuit. All conductors of the same circuit and, where used, the grounded conductor and all equipment grounding conductors and bonding conductors shall be contained within the same raceway, auxiliary gutter, cable tray, cablebus assembly, trench, cable, or cord, unless otherwise permitted in accordance with 300.3(B)(1) through (B)(4).

(1) Paralleled Installations. Conductors shall be permitted to be run in parallel in accordance with the provisions of 310.10(H). The requirement to run all circuit conductors within the same raceway, auxiliary gutter, cable tray, trench, cable, or cord shall apply separately to each portion of the paralleled installation, and the equipment grounding conductors shall comply with the provisions of 250.122. Parallel runs in cable tray shall comply with the provisions of 392.20(C).

Exception: Conductors installed in nonmetallic raceways run underground shall be permitted to be arranged as isolated phase, neutral, and grounded conductor installations. The raceways shall be installed in close proximity, and the isolated phase, neutral, and grounded conductors shall comply with the provisions of 300.20(B).

(2) Grounding and Bonding Conductors. Equipment grounding conductors shall be permitted to be installed outside a raceway or cable assembly where in accordance with the provisions of 250.130(C) for certain existing installations or in accordance with 250.134(B), Exception No. 2, for dc circuits. Equipment bonding conductors shall be permitted to be installed on the outside of raceways in accordance with 250.102(E).

(3) Nonferrous Wiring Methods. Conductors in wiring methods with a nonmetallic or other nonmagnetic sheath, where run in different raceways, auxiliary gutters, cable trays, trenches, cables, or cords, shall comply with the provisions of 300.20(B). Conductors in single-conductor Type MI cable with a nonmagnetic sheath shall comply with the provisions of 332.31. Conductors of single-conductor Type MC cable with a nonmagnetic sheath shall comply with the provisions of 330.31, 330.116, and 300.20(B).

(4) Column-Width Panelboard Enclosures. Where an auxiliary gutter runs between a column-width panelboard and a pull box, and the pull box includes neutral terminations, the neutral conductors of circuits supplied from the panelboard shall be permitted to originate in the pull box.

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Replace with:

(B) Conductors of the Same Circuit. All conductors of the same circuit and, where used, the grounded conductor and all equipment grounding conductors and bonding conductors shall be contained within the same raceway, auxiliary gutter, cable tray, cablebus assembly, trench, cable, or cord, unless otherwise permitted in accordance with 300.3(B)(1) through (B)(4).

(1) Paralleled Installations. Conductors shall be permitted to be run in parallel in accordance with the provisions of 310.10(H). The requirement to run all circuit conductors within the same raceway, auxiliary gutter, cable tray, trench, cable, or cord shall apply separately to each portion of the paralleled installation, and the equipment grounding conductors shall comply with the provisions of 250.122. Parallel runs in cable tray shall comply with the provisions of 392.20(C).

Exception: Conductors installed in nonmetallic raceways run underground shall be permitted to be arranged as isolated phase, neutral, and grounded conductor installations. The raceways shall be installed in close proximity, and the isolated phase, neutral, and grounded conductors shall comply with the provisions of 300.20(B).

(2) Grounding and Bonding Conductors. Equipment grounding conductors shall be permitted to be installed outside a raceway or cable assembly where in accordance with the provisions of 250.130(C) for certain existing installations or in accordance with 250.134(B), Exception No. 2, for dc circuits. Equipment bonding conductors shall be permitted to be installed on the outside of raceways in accordance with 250.102(E).

(3) Nonferrous Wiring Methods. Conductors in wiring methods with a nonmetallic or other nonmagnetic sheath, where run in different raceways, auxiliary gutters, cable trays, trenches, cables, or cords, shall comply with the provisions of 300.20(B). Conductors in single-conductor Type MI cable with a nonmagnetic sheath shall comply with the provisions of 332.31. Conductors of single-conductor Type MC cable with a nonmagnetic sheath shall comply with the provisions of 330.31, 330.116, and 300.20(B).

(4) Column-Width Panelboard Enclosures. Where an auxiliary gutter runs between a column-width panelboard and a pull box, and the pull box includes neutral terminations, the neutral conductors of circuits supplied from the panelboard shall be permitted to originate in the pull box.

(5) Existing Dwelling Panelboards. An equipment grounding conductor for an existing one-and two-family dwelling shall be permitted to be installed separately and outside of the raceway or cable assembly where all the following conditions apply:

- (a) When relocating or installing an additional service disconnecting means;
- (b) Enacting 300.3(B)(5)(a) redefines the existing service entrance conductors as a feeder in Article 100; and
- (c) Replacement of the existing service entrance conductors requires the removal of the building finish or deemed impractical by the AHJ.

Item 21: At the March 14, 2017 BCC meeting, item was introduced as a B-9 item. If item is not rejected, adding an Exception to section 300.9

AMENDMENT 300.9

Amend NEC 2017, page 139:

300.9 Raceways in Wet Locations Abovegrade. Where raceways are installed in wet locations abovegrade, the interior of these raceways shall be considered to be a wet location. Insulated conductors and cables installed in raceways in wet locations abovegrade shall comply with 310.10(C).

Replace with:

300.9 Raceways in Wet Locations Abovegrade. Where raceways are installed in wet locations abovegrade, the interior of these raceways shall be considered to be a wet location. Insulated conductors and cables installed in raceway in wet locations above grade shall comply with 310.10(C).

Exception: The raceway shall not be considered a wet location if:

- (1) The section of raceway routed in a wet location above grade does not exceed 1.8 m (6 ft) in length;
- (2) Any fittings or conduit bodies are watertight and listed for use in wet locations; and
- (3) All termination points of the raceway are only open in any of the following:
 - a. A dry location;
 - b. Equipment suitable for outdoor use; or
 - c. Equipment listed for use in a wet location.

Item 21 (Alternative): If item B-9 from the March 14, 2017 BCC meeting is rejected, keep current approved amendment for section 300.9

ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENT 300.9

Amend NEC 2017, page 139:

300.9 Raceways in Wet Locations Abovegrade. Where raceways are installed in wet locations abovegrade, the interior of these raceways shall be considered to be a wet location. Insulated conductors and cables installed in raceways in wet locations abovegrade shall comply with 310.10(C).

Only replace with the following if B-9 is rejected:

300.9 Raceways in Wet Locations Abovegrade. Where raceways are installed in wet locations abovegrade, the interior of these raceways shall be considered to be a wet location. Insulated conductors and cables installed in raceway in wet locations above grade shall comply with 310.10(C).

Exception: The raceway shall not be considered a wet location if:

- (1) The section of raceway routed in a wet location above grade does not exceed 1500 mm (5 ft) in length;
- (2) Any fittings or conduit bodies are watertight and listed for use in wet locations; and
- (3) Raceway is open at its termination point in a dry location.

Item 22: Retaining intent of the language from 2011 NEC with some modifications for section 310.15(B)(7); (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 310.15(B)(7)

Amend NEC 2017, page 149:

(7) Single-Phase Dwelling Services and Feeders. For one-family dwellings and the individual dwelling units of two-family and multifamily dwellings, service and feeder conductors supplied by a single-phase, 120/240-volt system shall be permitted to be sized in accordance with 310.15(B)(7)(1) through (4).

For one-family dwellings and the individual dwelling units of two-family and multifamily dwellings, single-phase feeder conductors consisting of 2 ungrounded conductors and the neutral conductor from a 208Y/120 volt system shall be permitted to be sized in accordance with 310.15(B)(7)(1) through (3).

- (1) For a service rated 100 through 400 amperes, the service conductors supplying the entire load associated with a one-family dwelling, or the service conductors supplying the entire load associated with an individual dwelling unit in a two-family or multifamily dwelling, shall be permitted to have an ampacity not less than ~~83 percent of the service rating.~~
- (2) For a feeder rated 100 through 400 amperes, the feeder conductors supplying the entire load associated with a one-family dwelling, or the feeder conductors supplying the entire load associated with an individual dwelling unit in a two-family or multifamily dwelling, shall be permitted to have an ampacity not less than ~~83 percent of the feeder rating.~~
- (3) In no case shall a feeder for an individual dwelling unit be required to have an ampacity greater than that specified in 310.15(B)(7)(1) or (2).
- (4) Grounded conductors shall be permitted to be sized smaller than the ungrounded conductors, if the requirements of 220.61 and 230.42 for service conductors or the requirements of 215.2 and 220.61 for feeder conductors are met.

Where correction or adjustment factors are required by 310.15(B)(2) or (3), they shall be permitted to be applied to the ampacity associated with the temperature rating of the conductor.

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Replace with:

(7) Single-Phase Dwelling Services and Feeders. For one-family dwellings and the individual dwelling units of two-family and multifamily dwellings, service and feeder conductors supplied by a single-phase, 120/240-volt system shall be permitted to be sized in accordance with 310.15(B)(7)(1) through (4).

For one-family dwellings and the individual dwelling units of two-family and multifamily dwellings, single-phase feeder conductors consisting of 2 ungrounded conductors and the neutral conductor from a 208Y/120 volt system shall be permitted to be sized in accordance with 310.15(B)(7)(1) through (3).

- (1) For a service rated 100 through 400 amperes, the service conductors supplying the entire load associated with a one-family dwelling, or the service conductors supplying the entire load associated with an individual dwelling unit in a two-family or multifamily dwelling, shall be permitted to have an ampacity not less than the ampacity as listed in Table 310.15(B)(7).
- (2) For a feeder rated 100 through 400 amperes, the feeder conductors supplying the entire load associated with a one-family dwelling, or the feeder conductors supplying the entire load associated with an individual dwelling unit in a two-family or multifamily dwelling, shall be permitted to have an ampacity not less than the ampacity as listed in Table 310.15(B)(7).
- (3) In no case shall a feeder for an individual dwelling unit be required to have an ampacity greater than that specified in 310.15(B)(7)(1) or (2).
- (4) Grounded conductors shall be permitted to be sized smaller than the ungrounded conductors, if the requirements of 220.61 and 230.42 for service conductors or the requirements of 215.2 and 220.61 for feeder conductors are met.

Where correction or adjustment factors are required by 310.15(B)(2) or (3), they shall be permitted to be applied to the ampacity associated with the temperature rating of the conductor.

Table 310.15(B)(7) Single-Phase Dwelling Services and Feeders for Conductor Types RHH, RHW, RHW-2, THHN, THHW, THW, THW-2, THWN, THWN-2, XHHW, XHHW-2, SE, USE, USE-2		
	Conductor (AWG or kcmil)	
Service or Feeder Rating (Amperes)	Copper	Aluminum or Copper-Clad Aluminum
100	4	2
110	3	1
125	2	1/0
150	1	2/0
175	1/0	3/0
200	2/0	4/0
225	3/0	250
250	4/0	300
300	250	350
350	350	500
400	400	600

Item 23: Removing the listing and labeling requirement for cable ties for section 320.30(A)

AMENDMENT 320.30(A)

Amend NEC 2017, page 183:

(A) General. Type AC cable shall be supported and secured by staples; cable ties ~~listed and identified for securement and support~~; straps, hangers, or similar fittings; or other approved means designed and installed so as not to damage the cable.

Replace with:

(A) General. Type AC cable shall be supported and secured by staples; cable ties; straps, hangers, or similar fittings; or other approved means designed and installed so as not to damage the cable.

Item 24: Removing the listing and labeling requirement for cable ties for section 328.30

AMENDMENT 328.30

Amend NEC 2017, page 187:

328.30 Support. Type MV cable terminated in equipment or installed in pull boxes or vaults shall be secured and supported by metallic or nonmetallic supports suitable to withstand the weight by cable ties ~~listed and identified for securement and support~~, or other approved means, at intervals not exceeding 1.5 m (5 ft) from terminations or a maximum of 1.8 m (6 ft) between supports.

Replace with:

328.30 Support. Type MV cable terminated in equipment or installed in pull boxes or vaults shall be secured and supported by metallic or nonmetallic supports suitable to withstand the weight by cable ties, or other approved means, at intervals not exceeding 1.5 m (5 ft) from terminations or a maximum of 1.8 m (6 ft) between supports.

Item 25: Removing the listing and labeling requirement for cable ties for section 330.30(A)

AMENDMENT 330.30(A)

Amend NEC 2017, page 189:

(A) General. Type MC cable shall be supported and secured by staples; cable ties ~~listed and identified for securement and support~~; straps, hangers, or similar fittings; or other approved means designed and installed so as not to damage the cable.

Replace with:

(A) General. Type MC cable shall be supported and secured by staples; cable ties; straps, hangers, or similar fittings; or other approved means designed and installed so as not to damage the cable.

Item 26: Removing crawl spaces from the requirements of section 334.15(C); (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 334.15(C)

Amend NEC 2017, page 192:

(C) In Unfinished Basements and Crawl Spaces. Where cable is run at angles with joists in unfinished basements ~~and crawl spaces~~, it shall be permissible to secure cables not smaller than two 6 AWG or three 8 AWG conductors directly to the lower edges of the joists. Smaller cables shall be run either through bored holes in joists or on running boards. Nonmetallic-sheathed cable installed on the wall of an unfinished basement shall be permitted to be installed in a listed conduit or tubing or shall be protected in accordance with 300.4. Conduit or tubing shall be provided with a suitable insulating bushing or adapter at the point the cable enters the raceway. The sheath of the nonmetallic-sheathed cable shall extend through the conduit or tubing and into the outlet or device box not less than 6 mm (1/4 in.). The cable shall be secured within 300 mm (12 in.) of the point where the cable enters the conduit or tubing. Metal conduit, tubing, and metal outlet boxes shall be connected to an equipment grounding conductor complying with the provisions of 250.86 and 250.148.

Replace with:

(C) In Unfinished Basements and Crawl Spaces. Where cable is run at angles with joists in unfinished basements, it shall be permissible to secure cables not smaller than two 6 AWG or three 8 AWG conductors directly to the lower edges of the joists. Smaller cables shall be run either through bored holes in joists or on running boards. Nonmetallic-sheathed cable installed on the wall of an unfinished basement shall be permitted to be installed in a listed conduit or tubing or shall be protected in accordance with 300.4. Conduit or tubing shall be provided with a suitable insulating bushing or adapter at the point the cable enters the raceway. The sheath of the nonmetallic-sheathed cable shall extend through the conduit or tubing and into the outlet or device box not less than 6 mm (1/4 in.). The cable shall be secured within 300 mm (12 in.) of the point where the cable enters the conduit or tubing. Metal conduit, tubing, and metal outlet boxes shall be connected to an equipment grounding conductor complying with the provisions of 250.86 and 250.148.

Item 27: Including one and two family dwellings to the list of exclusions for section 404.2(C)(8); (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 404.2(C)(8)

Amend NEC 2017, page 254:

(C) Switches Controlling Lighting Loads. The grounded circuit conductor for the controlled lighting circuit shall be installed at the location where switches control lighting loads that are supplied by a grounded general-purpose branch circuit serving bathrooms, hallways, stairways, or rooms suitable for human habitation or occupancy as defined in the applicable building code. Where multiple switch locations control the same lighting load such that the entire floor area of the room or space is visible from the single or combined switch locations, the grounded circuit conductor shall only be required at one location. A grounded conductor shall not be required to be installed at lighting switch locations under any of the following conditions:

- (1) Where conductors enter the box enclosing the switch through a raceway, provided that the raceway is large enough for all contained conductors, including a grounded conductor
- (2) Where the box enclosing the switch is accessible for the installation of an additional or replacement cable without removing finish materials
- (3) Where snap switches with integral enclosures comply with 300.15(E)
- (4) Where lighting in the area is controlled by automatic means
- (5) Where a switch controls a receptacle load

The grounded conductor shall be extended to any switch location as necessary and shall be connected to switching devices that require line-to-neutral voltage to operate the electronics of the switch in the standby mode and shall meet the requirements of 404.22.

Exception: The connection requirement shall become effective on January 1, 2020. It shall not apply to replacement or retrofit switches installed in locations prior to local adoption of 404.2(C) and where the grounded conductor cannot be extended without removing finish materials. The number of electronic lighting control switches on a branch circuit shall not exceed five, and the number connected to any feeder on the load side of a system or main bonding jumper shall not exceed 25. For the purpose of this exception, a neutral busbar, in compliance with 200.2(B) and to which a main or system bonding jumper is connected shall not be limited as to the number of electronic lighting control switches connected.

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Replace with:

(C) Switches Controlling Lighting Loads. The grounded circuit conductor for the controlled lighting circuit shall be installed at the location where switches control lighting loads that are supplied by a grounded general-purpose branch circuit serving bathrooms, hallways, stairways, or rooms suitable for human habitation or occupancy as defined in the applicable building code. Where multiple switch locations control the same lighting load such that the entire floor area of the room or space is visible from the single or combined switch locations, the grounded circuit conductor shall only be required at one location. A grounded conductor shall not be required to be installed at lighting switch locations under any of the following conditions:

- (1) Where conductors enter the box enclosing the switch through a raceway, provided that the raceway is large enough for all contained conductors, including a grounded conductor
- (2) Where the box enclosing the switch is accessible for the installation of an additional or replacement cable without removing finish materials
- (3) Where snap switches with integral enclosures comply with 300.15(E)
- (4) Where lighting in the area is controlled by automatic means
- (5) Where a switch controls a receptacle load
- (6) Where installed in residential one- and two-family dwellings

The grounded conductor shall be extended to any switch location as necessary and shall be connected to switching devices that require line-to-neutral voltage to operate the electronics of the switch in the standby mode and shall meet the requirements of 404.22.

Exception: The connection requirement shall become effective on January 1, 2020. It shall not apply to replacement or retrofit switches installed in locations prior to local adoption of 404.2(C) and where the grounded conductor cannot be extended without removing finish materials. The number of electronic lighting control switches on a branch circuit shall not exceed five, and the number connected to any feeder on the load side of a system or main bonding jumper shall not exceed 25. For the purpose of this exception, a neutral busbar, in compliance with 200.2(B) and to which a main or system bonding jumper is connected shall not be limited as to the number of electronic lighting control switches connected.

Item 28: Replacing the words “a readily” with the word “an” for section 406.4(D); (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 406.4(D)

Amend NEC 2017, page 258:

(D) Replacements. Replacement of receptacles shall comply with 406.4(D)(1) through (D)(6), as applicable. Arc-fault circuit-interrupter type and ground-fault circuit-interrupter type receptacles shall be installed in a ~~readily~~ accessible location.

Replace with:

(D) Replacements. Replacement of receptacles shall comply with 406.4(D)(1) through (D)(6), as applicable. Arc-fault circuit-interrupter type and ground-fault circuit-interrupter type receptacles shall be installed in an accessible location.

Item 29: Removing subsections 5, 6, and 7 from section 406.12

AMENDMENT 406.12

Amend NEC 2017, page 261:

406.12 Tamper-Resistant Receptacles. All 15- and 20-ampere, 125- and 250-volt nonlocking-type receptacles in the areas specified in 406.12(1) through (7) shall be listed tamper-resistant receptacles.

- (1) Dwelling units in all areas specified in 210.52 and 550.13
- (2) Guest rooms and guest suites of hotels and motels
- (3) Child care facilities
- (4) Preschools and elementary education facilities
- (5) ~~Business offices, corridors, waiting rooms and the like in clinics, medical and dental offices and outpatient facilities~~
- (6) ~~Subset of assembly occupancies described in 518.2 to include places of waiting transportation, gymnasiums, skating rinks, and auditoriums~~
- (7) ~~Dormitories~~

Replace with:

406.12 Tamper-Resistant Receptacles. All 15- and 20-ampere, 125- and 250-volt nonlocking-type receptacles in the areas specified in 406.12(1) through (7) shall be listed tamper-resistant receptacles.

- (1) Dwelling units in all areas specified in 210.52 and 550.13
- (2) Guest rooms and guest suites of hotels and motels
- (3) Child care facilities
- (4) Preschools and elementary education facilities
- (5) Deleted
- (6) Deleted
- (7) Deleted

Item 30: Removing the “not handwritten” provision from section 408.4(B)

AMENDMENT 408.4(B)

Amend NEC 2017, page 263:

(B) Source of Supply. All switchboards, switchgear, and panelboards supplied by a feeder(s) in other than one- or two-family dwellings shall be permanently marked to indicate each device or equipment where the power originates. The label shall be permanently affixed, of sufficient durability to withstand the environment involved, ~~and not handwritten.~~

Replace with:

(B) Source of Supply. All switchboards, switchgear, and panelboards supplied by a feeder(s) in other than one- or two-family dwellings shall be permanently marked to indicate each device or equipment where the power originates. The label shall be permanently affixed, of sufficient durability to withstand the environment involved.

Item 31: Deleting subsection (B) from section 409.22

AMENDMENT 409.22(B)

Amend NEC 2017, page 266:

~~**(B) Documentation.** If an industrial control panel is required to be marked with a short-circuit current rating in accordance with 409.110(4), the available short-circuit current at the industrial control panel and the date the short-circuit current calculation was performed shall be documented and made available to those authorized to inspect the installation.~~

Replace with:

(B) Documentation. Deleted.

Item 32: Deleting subsection (B) from section 422.5; and (moving the intent of a current amendment over to the new Code)

AMENDMENT 422.5(B)

Amend NEC 2017, page 276:

(B) Type. ~~The GFCI shall be readily accessible, listed, and located in one or more of the following locations:~~

- ~~(1) Within the branch circuit overcurrent device~~
- ~~(2) A device or outlet within the supply circuit~~
- ~~(3) An integral part of the attachment plug~~
- ~~(4) Within the supply cord not more than 300 mm (12 in.) from the attachment plug~~
- ~~(5) Factory installed within the appliance~~

Replace with:

(B) Type. Deleted.

Item 33: Deleting section 430.99

AMENDMENT 430.99

Amend NEC 2017, page 313:

430.99 Available Fault Current. ~~The available short circuit current at the motor control center and the date the short circuit current calculation was performed shall be documented and made available to those authorized to inspect the installation.~~

Replace with:

430.99 Available Fault Current. Deleted.

Item 34: Deleting subsection (4) from section 430.130(A)

AMENDMENT 430.130(A)(4)

Amend NEC 2017, page 317:

(A) Circuits Containing Power Conversion Equipment. Circuits containing power conversion equipment shall be protected by a branch-circuit short-circuit and ground-fault protective device in accordance with the following:

- (1) The rating and type of protection shall be determined by 430.52(C)(1), (C)(3), (C)(5), or (C)(6), using the full-load current rating of the motor load as determined by 430.6.
- (2) Where maximum branch-circuit short-circuit and ground-fault protective ratings are stipulated for specific device types in the manufacturer's instructions for the power conversion equipment or are otherwise marked on the equipment, they shall not be exceeded even if higher values are permitted by 430.130(A)(1).
- (3) A self-protected combination controller shall only be permitted where specifically identified in the manufacturer's instructions for the power conversion equipment or if otherwise marked on the equipment.
- (4) ~~Where an instantaneous trip circuit breaker or semiconductor fuses are permitted in accordance with the drive manufacturer's instructions for use as the branch circuit short circuit and ground fault protective device for listed power conversion equipment, they shall be provided as an integral part of a single listed assembly incorporating both the protective device and power conversion equipment.~~

Replace with:

(A) Circuits Containing Power Conversion Equipment. Circuits containing power conversion equipment shall be protected by a branch-circuit short-circuit and ground-fault protective device in accordance with the following:

- (1) The rating and type of protection shall be determined by 430.52(C)(1), (C)(3), (C)(5), or (C)(6), using the full-load current rating of the motor load as determined by 430.6.
- (2) Where maximum branch-circuit short-circuit and ground-fault protective ratings are stipulated for specific device types in the manufacturer's instructions for the power conversion equipment or are otherwise marked on the equipment, they shall not be exceeded even if higher values are permitted by 430.130(A)(1).
- (3) A self-protected combination controller shall only be permitted where specifically identified in the manufacturer's instructions for the power conversion equipment or if otherwise marked on the equipment.
- (4) Deleted.

Item 35: Deleting section 440.10

AMENDMENT 440.10

Amend NEC 2017, page 325:

440.10 Short-Circuit Current Rating.

~~(A) **Installation.**— Motor controllers of multimotor and combination load equipment shall not be installed where the available short circuit current exceeds its short circuit current rating as marked in accordance with 440.4(B).~~

~~(B) **Documentation.**— When motor controllers or industrial control panels of multimotor and combination load equipment are required to be marked with a short circuit current rating, the available short circuit current and the date the short circuit current calculation was performed shall be documented and made available to those authorized to inspect the installation.~~

Replace with:

440.10 Short-Circuit Current Rating. Deleted.

Item 36: Retaining the language from 2014 NEC for Article 445 in its entirety

AMENDMENT Article 445

Amend NEC 2017, page 329 – 331:

ARTICLE 445
Generators

445.1 Scope.

[...]

~~445.20 Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Receptacles on 15-kW or Smaller Portable Generators.~~

Replace with:

ARTICLE 445
Generators

445.1 Scope. This article contains installation and other requirements for generators.

445.10 Location. Generators shall be of a type suitable for the locations in which they are installed. They shall also meet the requirements for motors in 430.14.

445.11 Marking. Each generator shall be provided with a nameplate giving the manufacturer's name, the rated frequency, the number of phases if of ac, the rating in kilowatts or kilovolt-amperes, the normal volts and amperes corresponding to the rating, the rated revolutions per minute, and the rated ambient temperature or rated temperature rise.

Nameplates for all stationary generators and portable generators rated more than 15 kW shall also give the power factor, the subtransient and transient impedances, the insulation system class, and the time rating.

Marking shall be provided by the manufacturer to indicate whether or not the generator neutral is bonded to the generator frame. Where the bonding of a generator is modified in the field, additional marking shall be required to indicate whether the generator neutral is bonded to the generator frame.

445.12 Overcurrent Protection.

(A) Constant-Voltage Generators. Constant-voltage generators, except ac generator exciters, shall be protected from overload by inherent design, circuit breakers, fuses, protective relays, or other identified overcurrent protective means suitable for the conditions of use.

(B) Two-Wire Generators. Two-wire, dc generators shall be permitted to have overcurrent protection in one conductor only if the overcurrent device is actuated by the entire current generated other than the current in the shunt field. The overcurrent device shall not open the shunt field.

(C) 65 Volts or Less. Generators operating at 65 volts or less and driven by individual motors shall be considered as protected by the overcurrent device protecting the motor if these devices will operate when the generators are delivering not more than 150 percent of their full-load rated current.

(D) Balancer Sets. Two-wire, dc generators used in conjunction with balancer sets to obtain neutral points for 3-wire systems shall be equipped with overcurrent devices that disconnect the 3-wire system in case of excessive unbalancing of voltages or currents.

(E) Three-Wire, Direct-Current Generators. Three-wire, dc generators, whether compound or shunt wound, shall be equipped with overcurrent devices, one in each armature lead, and connected so as to be actuated by the entire current from the armature. Such overcurrent devices shall consist either of a double-pole, double-coil circuit breaker or of a 4-pole circuit breaker connected in the main and equalizer leads and tripped by two overcurrent devices, one in each armature lead. Such protective devices shall be interlocked so that no one pole can be opened without simultaneously disconnecting both leads of the armature from the system.

Exception to (A) through (E): Where deemed by the authority having jurisdiction that a generator is vital to the operation of an electrical system and the generator should operate to failure to prevent a greater hazard to persons, the overload sensing device(s) shall be permitted to be connected to an annunciator or alarm supervised by authorized personnel instead of interrupting the generator circuit.

445.13 Ampacity of Conductors. The ampacity of the conductors from the generator terminals to the first distribution device(s) containing overcurrent protection shall not be less than 115 percent of the nameplate current rating of the generator. It shall be permitted to size the neutral conductors in accordance with 220.61. Conductors that must carry ground-fault currents shall not be smaller than required by 250.30(A). Neutral conductors of dc generators that must carry ground-fault currents shall not be smaller than the minimum required size of the largest conductor.

Exception: Where the design and operation of the generator prevent overloading, the ampacity of the conductors shall not be less than 100 percent of the nameplate current rating of the generator.

445.14 Protection of Live Parts. Live parts of generators operated at more than 50 volts to ground shall not be exposed to accidental contact where accessible to unqualified persons.

445.15 Guards for Attendants. Where necessary for the safety of attendants, the requirements of 430.233 shall apply.

445.16 Bushings. Where field-installed wiring passes through an opening in an enclosure, a conduit box, or a barrier, a bushing shall be used to protect the conductors from the edges of an opening having sharp edges. The bushing shall have smooth, well-rounded surfaces where it may be in contact with the

conductors. If used where oils, grease, or other contaminants may be present, the bushing shall be made of a material not deleteriously affected.

445.17 Generator Terminal Housings. Generator terminal housings shall comply with 430.12. Where a horsepower rating is required to determine the required minimum size of the generator terminal housing, the full-load current of the generator shall be compared with comparable motors in Table 430.247 through Table 430.250. The higher horsepower rating of Table 430.247 and Table 430.250 shall be used whenever the generator selection is between two ratings.

Exception: This section shall not apply to generators rated over 600 volts.

445.18 Disconnecting Means Required for Generators. Generators shall be equipped with a disconnect(s), lockable in the open position by means of which the generator and all protective devices and control apparatus are able to be disconnected entirely from the circuits supplied by the generator except where the following conditions apply:

- (1) Portable generators are cord- and plug-connected, or
- (2) Both of the following conditions apply:
 - a. The driving means for the generator can be readily shut down, is rendered incapable of restarting, and is lockable in the OFF position in accordance with 110.25.
 - b. The generator is not arranged to operate in parallel with another generator or other source of voltage.

Informational Note: See UL 2200-2012, *Standard for Safety of Stationary Engine Generator Assemblies.*

445.20 Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Receptacles on 15-kW or Smaller Portable Generators. All 125-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere receptacle outlets that are a part of a 15-kW or smaller portable generator either shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel integral to the generator or receptacle or shall not be available for use when the 125/250-volt locking-type receptacle is in use. If the generator does not have a 125/250-volt locking-type receptacle, this requirement shall not apply.

Item 37: Retaining the language from the 2014 NEC for section 555.1

AMENDMENT 555.1

Amend NEC 2017, page 482:

~~**555.1 Scope.**—This article covers the installation of wiring and equipment in the areas comprising fixed or floating piers, wharves, docks, and other areas in marinas, boatyards, boat basins, boathouses, yacht clubs, boat condominiums, docking facilities associated with one-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, multifamily dwellings, and residential condominiums; any multiple docking facility or similar occupancies; and facilities that are used, or intended for use, for the purpose of repair, berthing, launching, storage, or fueling of small craft and the moorage of floating buildings.~~

Replace with:

555.1 Scope. This article covers the installation of wiring and equipment in the areas comprising fixed or floating piers, wharves, docks, and other areas in marinas, boatyards, boat facilities associated with residential condominiums; any multiple docking facility or similar occupancies; and facilities that are used, or intended for use, for the purpose of repair, berthing, launching, storage, or fueling of small craft and the moorage of floating buildings.

Private, noncommercial docking facilities constructed or occupied for the use of the owner or residents of the associated single-family dwelling are not covered by this article.

Item 38: Retaining the language from the 2014 NEC for section 555.3 and modifying the ground fault threshold

AMENDMENT 555.3

Amend NEC 2017, page 482:

~~**555.3 Ground-Fault Protection.** The overcurrent protective devices that supply the marina, boatyards, and commercial and noncommercial docking facilities shall have ground fault protection not exceeding 30 mA.~~

Replace with:

555.3 Ground-Fault Protection. The main overcurrent protective device that feeds the marina shall have ground fault protection not exceeding 30 mA. Ground-fault protection not exceeding 30 mA of each individual branch or feeder circuit shall be permitted as a suitable alternative.

Item 39: Adding additional language to the signage requirement with a footnote for section 555.24

AMENDMENT 555.24

Amend NEC 2017, page 485:

555.24 Signage. Permanent safety signs shall be installed to give notice of electrical shock hazard risks to persons using or swimming near a boat dock or marina and shall comply with all of the following:

- (1) The signage shall comply with 110.21(B)(1) and be of sufficient durability to withstand the environment.
- (2) The signs shall be clearly visible from all approaches to a marina or boatyard facility.
- (3) The signs shall state “WARNING — POTENTIAL SHOCK HAZARD — ELECTRICAL CURRENTS MAY BE PRESENT IN THE WATER.”

Replace with:

555.24 Signage. Permanent safety signs shall be installed to give notice of electrical shock hazard risks to persons using or swimming near a boat dock or marina and shall comply with all of the following:

- (1) The signage shall comply with 110.21(B)(1) and be of sufficient durability to withstand the environment.
- (2) The signs shall be clearly visible from all approaches to a marina or boatyard facility.
- (3) The signs shall state “WARNING — POTENTIAL SHOCK HAZARD — ELECTRICAL CURRENTS MAY BE PRESENT IN THE WATER — NO SWIMMING.”

Informational Note: See scope for application of this Article.

Item 40: At the March 14, 2017 BCC meeting, item was introduced as a C-4 item. If item is not rejected, adding a subsection (1) to 680.21(C) for existing pool pump motor replacements

AMENDMENT 680.21(C)(1)

Amend NEC 2017, page 546:

(C) GFCI Protection. Outlets supplying pool pump motors connected to single-phase, 120-volt through 240-volt branch circuits, whether by receptacle or by direct connection, shall be provided with ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

Replace with:

(C) GFCI Protection. Outlets supplying pool pump motors connected to single-phase, 120-volt through 240-volt branch circuits, whether by receptacle or by direct connection, shall be provided with ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

(1) Pool Pump Motor Replacement. Whenever a pool pump motor requires replacing and the existing branch circuit or receptacle providing power to the pump motor does not provide ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel as required by 680.21(C), the branch circuit or receptacle shall be updated to provide ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

Item 41: Item is being introduced as a B item at the June 13, 2017 BCC meeting. If item is not rejected or withdrawn, adding a subsection (2) to 680.21(C) for existing pool pump motor circuitry

AMENDMENT 680.21(C)(2)

Amend NEC 2017, page 546:

(C) GFCI Protection. Outlets supplying pool pump motors connected to single-phase, 120-volt through 240-volt branch circuits, whether by receptacle or by direct connection, shall be provided with ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

Replace with:

(C) GFCI Protection. Outlets supplying pool pump motors connected to single-phase, 120-volt through 240-volt branch circuits, whether by receptacle or by direct connection, shall be provided with ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

(2) Existing Pool Pump Motor Branch Circuit and Overcurrent Protection. All existing single-phase, 120-volt through 240-volt branch circuits and overcurrent devices that supply power to a pool pump motor by direct connection or outlet shall comply with the provisions of 680.21(C) when the branch circuits or overcurrent devices are altered, installed, modified, relocated, repaired, or replaced.