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THIS IS A 2 PART CODE CHANGE. PART I WILL BE HEARD BY THE IECC COMMITTEE. PART II WILL BE HEARD BY THE IRC BUILDING/ENERGY COMMITTEE. SEE THE TENTATIVE HEARING ORDERS FOR THESE COMMITTEES.

PART I – IECC

Revise tables as follows:

**TABLE 402.1.1
INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT^a**

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR ^b	SKYLIGHT ^b U-FACTOR	GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC ^{b, e}	CEILING R-VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE ^h	MASS WALL R-VALUE ⁱ	FLOOR R-VALUE	BASEMENT ^c WALL R-VALUE	SLAB ^d R-VALUE & DEPTH	CRAWL SPACE ^c WALL R-VALUE
1	1.2	0.75	0.30	30	13	3/4	13	0	0	0
2	0.65 ^j	0.75	0.30	30	13	4/6	13	0	0	0
3	0.50 ^j	0.65	0.30	30	13	5/8	19	5/13 ^f	0	5/13
4 except Marine	0.35	0.60	NR	38	13	5/10	19	10/13	10, 2 ft	10/13
5 and Marine 4	0.35	0.60	NR	38	20 or 13+5 ^h	13/17	30 ^g	10/13	10, 2 ft	10/13
6	0.35	0.60	NR	49	20+5 or 13+10 ^h	15/49 20	30 ^g	15/19	10, 4 ft	10/13
7 and 8	0.35	0.60	NR	49	20+5 or 13+10-2+ ^h	19/21	38 ^g	15/19	10, 4 ft	10/13

(Footnotes remain unchanged)

**TABLE 402.1.3
EQUIVALENT U-FACTORS^a**

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR	SKYLIGHT U-FACTOR	CEILING U-FACTOR	FRAME WALL U-FACTOR	MASS WALL U-FACTOR ^b	FLOOR U-FACTOR	BASEMENT WALL U-FACTOR ^d	CRAWL SPACE WALL U-FACTOR ^c
1	1.20	0.75	0.035	0.082	0.197	0.064	0.360	0.477
2	0.65	0.75	0.035	0.082	0.165	0.064	0.360	0.477
3	0.50	0.65	0.035	0.082	0.141	0.047	0.091 ^c	0.136
4 except Marine	0.35	0.60	0.030	0.082	0.141	0.047	0.059	0.065
5 and Marine 4	0.35	0.60	0.030	0.057	0.082	0.033	0.059	0.065
6	0.35	0.60	0.026	0.048 57	0.060	0.033	0.050	0.065
7 and 8	0.35	0.60	0.026	0.048 57	0.057	0.028	0.050	0.065

(Footnotes remain unchanged)

**TABLE 402.2.5
STEEL-FRAME CEILING, WALL AND FLOOR INSULATION (R-VALUE)**

WOOD FRAME R-VALUE REQUIREMENT	COLD-FORMED STEEL EQUIVALENT R-VALUE ^a
Steel Truss Ceilings^b	
R-30	R-38 or R-30 + 3 or R-26 + 5
R-38	R-49 or R-38 + 3
R-49	R-38 + 5
Steel Joist Ceilings^b	
R-30	R-38 in 2 x 4 or 2 x 6 or 2 x 8 R-49 in any framing
R-38	R-49 in 2 x 4 or 2 x 6 or 2 x 8 or 2 x 10
Steel-Framed Wall	
R-13	R-13 + 5 or R-15 + 4 or R-21 + 3 or R-0 + 10
R-19	R-13 + 9 or R-19 + 8 or R-25 + 7
R-20	R-13+10 or R-19+8 or R-25+7
R-21	R-13 + 10 or R-19 + 9 or R-25 + 8
R-20+5	R-13+15 or R-19+14 or R-25+13

WOOD FRAME R-VALUE REQUIREMENT	COLD-FORMED STEEL EQUIVALENT R-VALUE ^a
Steel Joist Floor	
R-13	R-19 in 2 x 6 R-19 + 6 in 2 x 8 or 2 x 10
R-19	R-19 + 6 in 2 x 6 R-19 + 12 in 2 x 8 or 2 x 10

(Footnotes remain unchanged)

PART II – IRC BUILDING/ENERGY

Revise tables as follows:

**TABLE N1102.1
INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT^a**

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR	SKYLIGHT ^b U-FACTOR	GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC	CEILING R-VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE ^a	MASS WALL R-VALUE ^t	FLOOR R-VALUE	BASEMENT ^c WALL R-VALUE	SLAB ^d R-VALUE AND DEPTH	CRAWL SPACE ^c WALL R-VALUE
1	1.2	0.75	0.35 ^j	30	13	3/4	13	0	0	0
2	0.65 ⁱ	0.75	0.35 ^j	30	13	4/6	13	0	0	0
3	0.50 ⁱ	0.65	0.35 ^{e,j}	30	13	5/8	19	5/13 ^f	0	5/13
4 except Marine	0.35	0.60	NR	38	13	5/10	19	10/13	10, 2 ft	10/13
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7 and 8	0.35	0.60	NR	49	20+5 or 13+10+2+4	19/21	30 ^g	10/13	10, 4 ft	10/13

(Footnotes remain unchanged)

**TABLE N1102.1.2
EQUIVALENT U-FACTORS^a**

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR	SKYLIGHT U-FACTOR	CEILING U-FACTOR	FRAME WALL U-FACTOR	MASS WALL U-FACTOR ^b	FLOOR U-FACTOR	BASEMENT WALL U-FACTOR	CRAWL SPACE WALL U-FACTOR
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WOOD FRAME R-VALUE REQUIREMENT	COLD-FORMED STEEL EQUIVALENT R-VALUE ^a
R-30	R-38 in 2 x 4 or 2 x 6 or 2 x 8 R-49 in any framing
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Steel-Framed Wall	
R-13	R-13 + 5 or R-15 + 4 or R-21 + 3 or R-0 + 10
R-19	R-13 + 9 or R-19 + 8 or R-25 + 7
R-20	R-13+10 or R-19+8 or R-25+7
R-21	R-13 + 10 or R-19 + 9 or R-25 + 8
<u>R-20+5</u>	<u>R-13+15 or R-19+14 or R-25+13</u>
Steel Joist Floor	
R-13	R-19 in 2 x 6 R-19 + 6 in 2 x 8 or 2 x 10
R-19	R-19 + 6 in 2 x 6 R-19 + 12 in 2 x 8 or 2 x 10

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Reason: This code proposal is intended to improve the thermal envelope efficiency through improved insulation in walls in climate zones 6, 7 and 8. The table below illustrates the estimated energy cost savings from this measure in each climate zone. These savings are significant and when coupled with other proposed code modifications can lead to significant overall energy savings for homes. Moreover, unlike many building components, wall insulation can last for the life of the building, delivering consistent energy savings far longer than many energy savings measures. In addition, it is difficult to add additional wall insulation after the home is constructed. As a result, the failure to adequately insulate the walls would impose needlessly higher energy costs on homeowners for decades to come.

	Climate Zone 6	Climate Zone 7	Climate Zone 8
Heating, Cooling, Hot Water Purchased Energy Cost Percent Savings	3.5%	3.6%	3.8%
Total Purchased Energy Cost Percent Savings (including appliances and lighting)	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%

As we work to increase the energy efficiency of the code, it is reasonable to raise the bar and increase current prescriptive requirements for these coldest climate zones.

It is important to remember that the builder need not install the specific wall insulation that is designated by the prescriptive path. Compliance with thermal criteria can be achieved through several paths:

1. Any combination of cavity and sheathing—Builders can easily combine various types of batt and blown cavity insulation with continuous sheathing to achieve any of these nominal R-values. .
2. UA tradeoffs—Builders can calculate an average U-factor for the envelope, and adjust any component—walls, windows, ceilings, or floors—to adjust wall R-values to desired levels. Small changes in window specifications, for example, can easily allow builders to use a wide range of insulation solutions
3. Performance path—Builders can trade off wall insulation against a wide range of other measures.

Because of this built-in flexibility in compliance options, there is no basis to claim that the insulation levels in this public comment are impractical, not cost-effective, or prevent competition. They are simply modest improvements in wall performance that are needed to achieve a larger overall performance improvement in American homes.

Cost Impact: The code change proposal will increase the cost of construction.

PART I – IECC

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PART II – IRC BUILDING/ENERGY

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