

ORDINANCE NO. 03-3779

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Decatur, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. That section 7-56 of the Code of Decatur, Alabama is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 7-56 Adopted; amendments.

Pursuant to the authority granted cities and towns by section 11-45-8 Code of Alabama, 1975, there is hereby adopted that certain code printed in book or pamphlet form known as follows: “International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings™” 2003 Edition, promulgated and published by the International Code Council together with the reference codes and standards, and appendices and indices forming a part thereof, save and except the following portions thereof as shall be deleted, modified, amended or extended as follows:

- (1) Any reference in the code to the “building official” shall read to mean the building director or any other head of the building department.
- (2) Any reference in the code to the “department of building safety” shall read to mean the Building Department as enumerated in Article IV of Chapter 2, Section 2-76 of the Code of Decatur, Alabama.
- (3) Section R112 Board of Appeals is hereby amended to read as follows: “Section R112 Board of Appeals. The board of examinations and appeals for the construction industries, established under Article II of the Code of Decatur, Alabama, shall serve as the board of adjustments and appeals under this code, and all references to the board of adjustments and appeals shall refer to the board of examinations and appeals for the construction industries which board shall have the power and authority therein granted the board of adjustments and appeals.”
- (4) Table R301.2(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

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CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA

ROOF SNOW LOAD	WIND	SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY	SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM				Winter Design Temp	Flood Hazards
	Speed (mph)		Weathering	Frost Line Depth	Termite	Decay		
10 lb/ft ²	90	B	Moderate	12	Very Heavy	Moderate to Severe	16°F	Sept 5, 1979* May 2, 1999*

*The City of Decatur entered the National Flood Insurance Program in September of 1979 and the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is dated May 2, 1999.”

- (5) Section R309.1 Opening protection is hereby amended to read as follows: “Section R309.1 Opening protection. Openings from a private garage directly into a room used for sleeping purposes shall not be permitted.”

(6) Section R323.2.1 Elevation requirements is hereby amended to read as follows:

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1. Buildings and structures shall have the lowest floors elevated to one (1) foot above the design elevation.
2. In areas of shallow flooding (AO Zones), buildings and structures shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated at least as high above the highest adjacent grade as the depth number specified in feet (mm) on the FIRM, or at least three (3) feet if a depth number is not specified.
3. Basement floors that are below grade on all sides shall be elevated to one (1) foot above the design flood elevation.
Exception: Enclosed areas below the design flood elevation, including basements whose floors are not below grade on all sides, shall meet the requirements of Section R323.2.2.”

(7) Section R403.1.6 Foundation anchorage is hereby amended to read as follows:

“When braced wall panels are supported directly on continuous foundations, the wall wood sill plate or cold-formed steel bottom track shall be anchored to the foundation in accordance with this section.

The wood sole plate at exterior walls on monolithic slabs and wood sill plate shall be anchored to the foundation with anchor bolts spaced a maximum of 6 feet on center. There shall be a minimum of two bolts per plate section. Bolts shall be at least ½ inch diameter and shall extend a minimum of 7 inches into masonry or concrete. Interior bearing wall sole plates on monolithic slab foundations shall be positively anchored with approved fasteners. A nut and washer shall be tightened on each bolt to the plate. Sills and sole plates shall be protected against decay and termites where required by Sections R318 and R319. Cold-formed steel framing systems shall be fastened to the wood sill plates or anchored directly to the foundation as required by Sections R505.3.1 and R603.1.1.

EXCEPTION: Foundation anchor straps shall be spaced as required to provide equivalent anchorage to 1/2-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) anchor bolts.”

(8) Appendix I Private Sewage Disposal is hereby deleted in its entirety.

(9) Appendix K Sound Transmission is hereby deleted in its entirety.

(10) *Recommended Schedule of Permit Fees* is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Recommended schedule of permit fees is that schedule established by Section 7-57 of the Code of Decatur, Alabama.”

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2004.

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2003.

Attest:

/s/ Gail Busbey
City Clerk

Approved this 17th day of December, 2003.

/s/ Lynn C. Fowler
Mayor