

# City of Columbus

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# Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This code change removes the local definition of "high rise building" from the Columbus Building Code, Title 41, as the definition is no longer needed as it is now contained in the state mandate Ohio Building Code. Also, as currently drafted, the local definition conflicts with the definition contained in the state model code. The local definition currently contains a reference to an alternative measurement for determining high rise height, being above six stories, where the state code sets a height of seventy five feet, regardless of the number of stories contained therein. These code changes were reviewed by the Columbus Building Commission at their February 19, 2010, meeting and the Columbus Building Commission recommended the changes for approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No funding is required for this legislation.

To amend Section 4101.08 of the Columbus Building Code, Title 41, specifically removing the definition of "high rise building" as the definition is now contained in the latest version of the Ohio Building Code and is no longer needed in the Columbus Building Code

WHEREAS, this code change removes the local definition of "high rise building" from the Title 41, the Columbus Building Code; and

WHEREAS, the most recent version of the Ohio Building Code sets a height of seventy five feet, regardless of the number of stories contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the local definition is no longer needed as it is contained in the state code; and

WHEREAS, these code changes were reviewed by the Columbus Building Commission at their February 19, 2010, meeting and the Columbus Building Commission recommended the changes for approval; now, therefore

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

**Section 1.** That section 4101.08 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, is hereby amended to read as follows:

### 4101.08 Letter H.

"High rise building" means a building of any use group having floors used for human occupancy located more than six (6) stories or seventy-five (75) feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

"Home improvement" means the repair, replacement, remodeling, alteration, conversion, modernization, improvement, or addition to any land or building, or that portion thereof which is used or designed to be used as a private residence or dwelling place for not more than three (3) families; and shall include, but not be restricted to, the construction, replacement, or improvement of driveways, swimming pools, porches, garages, fallout shelters and other improvements to structures or upon land which is adjacent to a dwelling house. "Home improvement" shall not include (i) the construction of a new home building or work done by a contractor in compliance with a guarantee of completion of a new building project, or (ii) the sale of goods or materials by a seller who neither arranges to perform nor performs directly or indirectly any work or labor in connection with the installation of or application of the goods or materials.

"Home improvement contract" means an agreement for the performance of a home improvement or repair.

"Home improvement contractor" means any person who owns or operates a home improvement business or who undertakes or offers to undertake or agrees to undertake or agrees to perform any home improvement, whether or not such person is a prime contractor.

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"Home improvement contractor" includes any person who negotiates or offers to negotiate a home improvement contract to be performed by another, unless such person is the employee or authorized representative of a single licensed home improvement contractor.

- Section 2. That the prior existing section 4101.08 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, is hereby repealed.
- **Section 3.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.