



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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An ordinance amending Section 16.08.012 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to add a new exception related to storm shelter occupancy standards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That Section 16.08.012 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is hereby amended by adding the following as a new subsection F and redesignating the subsequent subsections appropriately:

F. Section 423.4 of the 2018 Edition of the International Building Code is hereby amended by adding the following exception number 4.

4. Group E occupancies new construction additions not increasing occupancy load by more than 50% occupant capacity.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

### Analysis

This ordinance amends Section 16.08.012 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to add a new exception related to storm shelter occupancy standards. Section 16.08.012 houses the amendments, deletions, or additions to the 2018 Edition of the International Building Code ("IBC") that have been adopted by reference by the Metropolitan Government.

Section 423.4 of the IBC is currently adopted by the Metropolitan Government in full with no amendments. This provision provides that all Group E occupancies with an occupant load of 50 or more must have a storm shelter constructed in accordance with International Code Council ("ICC") 500. Group E occupancies are schools and day care centers up to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Exceptions to this requirement are day care facilities, facilities that are accessory to places of religious worship, and buildings meeting the requirements for shelter design in ICC 500.

The ordinance under consideration would add an exception to the storm shelter requirement for Group E occupancy new construction additions that are not increasing the occupancy load by more than 50%.