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Revise as follows:

101.5 Intent. This code is intended to safeguard the environment, public health, safety and general welfare through the establishment of requirements to reduce the negative impacts and increase the positive impacts of the built environment on the natural environment and building occupants. The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements to protect the public welfare and future availability of resources by regulating the construction, operations, and maintenance of buildings and building sites. This code is not intended to abridge or supersede safety, health or environmental requirements under other applicable codes or ordinances.

Reason: The current intent section is cumbersome and needs clarity; the proposed section speaks directly to the intent and is informed by the classic definition of sustainable development, “Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” It also states what should be automatic for every code – that it is a minimum standard.

The word “supersede” is stricken from the second sentence because as a overlay code the IgCC does supersede some requirements of other codes such as the wall envelope provisions of the IECC in Section 605.

Cost Impact: Will not increase the cost of construction.