

2026 Minimum Design and Construction Requirements – Updates

Architectural					
New Construction		Rehabilitation		Effect (Why Update)	Requested by
Current 2025	Proposed 2026	Current 2025	Proposed 2026		
Provide a pass-through opening with counter space when kitchen and dining/living areas are separated by a wall.	(removed)	Provide a pass-through opening with counter space when kitchen and dining/living areas are separated by a wall.	(removed)	Removed as response to construction cost increases.	Multiple parties
-	-	Provide water intrusion report where evidence of water, moisture, or mildew is present at below grade spaces. As identified in the report, install waterproofing up to finished grades for all perimeter walls of finished and unfinished spaces. Waterproofing may be installed on the exterior or interior sides of the wall. The waterproofing system shall have a minimum 10-year manufacturer's warranty. See A&E Submission Requirements sections for additional third party report requirements.	Where evidence of water, moisture, or mildew is present at below grade spaces, install waterproofing up to finished grades for all perimeter walls of finished and unfinished spaces. Waterproofing may be installed on the exterior or interior sides of the wall. The waterproofing system shall have a minimum 10-year manufacturer's warranty. See A&E Submission Requirements sections for additional third party report requirements.	Report needed to establish condition of building envelope.	Internal

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-	Building envelope assessment report for adaptive reuse developments.	Water intrusion report (provided by architect or 3rd Party) See Architectural Rehabilitation section for more information.	Building envelope assessment report for adaptive reuse developments, and masonry buildings without a drainage plane and air gap.	Report needed to establish condition of building envelope.	Internal
-	-	Elevator equipment inspection report ****	Elevator equipment inspection report ***	Timing of report submission changed to establish equipment condition at application.	Internal