Learning Objectives

You’ll be able to:

Describe the challenges of maintaining and upgrading existing building stock to maintain functionality.

Utilize three options for determining existing building code compliance.

Discuss requirements for repairs and alterations.

Comply with requirements for changing occupancy.

Get tips on complying with code provisions for building additions.

Review specific provisions for historic buildings.

Maintain and upgrade existing buildings

Review three methods for determining code compliance

Examine requirements for repairs and alterations

Discuss code provisions on building additions

Explore code compliance when changing occupancy

Continuing Education Credits

Professional Engineers
6.0 PDHs

Architects
6.0 HSW Continuing Ed. Hours
6.0 AIA LU|HSW

Contractors
Non-Credit Continuing Ed.

Mr. Tepe is a licensed architect. In practice for more than 40 years, he has been both a member and officer of large E/A firms and a sole practitioner. His project experience ranges from single-family dwellings to large, multi-million dollar commercial and industrial facilities. As a sole proprietor, his firm specializes in building, fire and accessibility code (ADA) consulting to architects, contractors, insurance and legal professionals and private entities, including third-party plan reviews and accessibility inspections.

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