

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-61-99

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The following is offered in response to your FAX communication to this office in which you seek a formal interpretation of the 1999 State Building Code with respect to manufactured homes.

Question 1: “Is the Manufactured Housing Code recognized by the Connecticut State Building Code?”

Answer 1: Yes. Appendix A of the 1995 CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code, which is part of the 1999 State Building Code, refers to The Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards as promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Question 2: “Do local jurisdictions have the authority to inspect a home, certified by application of a HUD label for compliance with this code?”

Answer 2: Local building officials only have jurisdiction over the items covered by Appendix A of the 1995 CABO Code. Those items include foundation systems; hookups for building service equipment such as water, fuel power supply and sewage systems; and additions, alterations or repairs to existing manufactured homes. Unless the local building official needed to enter the interior of the manufactured home in connection with one of these covered items, there would be no reason for him/her to inspect the interior of the unit. The inspection of the manufactured home itself is the responsibility of others. (This differs from modular housing, which the local building official must inspect for a Certificate of Occupancy.)

Question 3: “Does the State Building Code include any requirements regarding manufactured home construction and safety which are different than the federal standard?”

Answer 3: No. The State Building Code contains no requirements whatsoever regarding manufactured housing. Only those items enumerated in Answer 2 above are covered by the code.