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**Retroactive Requirements**

**Code:** 2018 Fire Prevention Code

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**Section:** 102.1

**Question:**

Which construction or design elements of the Fire Prevention Code are retroactive when there are no modifications or change of use to a legally occupied structure?

**Answer:**

Section 102.1 of the Fire Prevention Code requires a building to be maintained in accordance with the code in effect at the time the building was originally permitted. Unless a portion of the building structure represents an imminent life safety issue or a delay to egress, there are no retroactive construction or design requirements.