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## MORE CODE INFORMATION

To: City and County Jurisdictions

Fr: Idaho Association of Building Officials

*Correction – Our “Code Adoption Information and Options” email sent on Tuesday incorrectly listed the National Electrical Code as the 2015 version. It is, in fact, the **2017 version** going into effect January 1, 2018.*

We have more code updates for you on Park Models and Tiny Homes:

Park Models – Governor Otter signed H.156, the park model legislation, into law and it will take effect July 1, 2017. A copy of the law can be accessed through this link:

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2017/legislation/H0156/>

The law defines park model recreational vehicles and allows for the titling and registration of PMRVs regardless of width. The existing law only allows titling and registration for PMRVs that are 8 ½ feet wide or smaller.

Below is now the legal definition:

(2) "Park model recreational vehicle" means a recreational vehicle that is designed to provide temporary accommodations for recreational, camping or seasonal use, is built on a single chassis, was originally mounted on wheels, has a gross trailer area not exceeding four hundred (400) square feet in the set-up mode and is certified by its manufacturer as complying with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A119.5 Standard for Recreational Park Trailers, and includes park models, park trailers and recreational park trailers.

This definition answers the question of whether the park model can be used as a permanent residence. They cannot. Park Models are defined as a RECREATIONAL VEHICLE and can only be lived in seasonally. Please check local zoning ordinances for what that means for your jurisdiction; it will set out a time frame for how long a recreational vehicle can be occupied in your area.

Tiny Homes – While there was no legislation this year addressing Tiny Homes (does not include Park Models) there is an amendment before the DBS Building Code Board for consideration which would allow for certain exemptions. This amendment is based on the language already being proposed as an Appendix for the 2018 International Residential Code at the national level. The state amendment, if approved, would also be an Appendix that a jurisdiction could choose to adopt or not. If approved, this would have to go to the legislature for approval in January 2018 for implementation in 2019.

A copy of the amendment proposal is attached.



