



# Washington State Building Code Council

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## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 16-05

- CODE:** 2015 International Existing Building Code
- SECTION:** Chapter 13/Moved Buildings  
Section 1301.2/Conformance
- QUESTION:** Was it the intent of the State Building Code Council to require that relocatable (portable) structures comply with the requirements in IEBC Chapter 13 section 1301.2?
- ANSWER:** No. The term “relocatable” was not intended to apply to “portables.” A state amendment defines “portable school classrooms” as a prefabricated structure. The state amendment to Chapter 13 of the IEBC is carried forward from the original 1993 amendment. The amendment requires moved buildings to meet the codes for new construction except for Group R-3. The term “relocatable” was introduced in the 2015 IEBC. The SBCC did not intend to change the application of the 1993 state amendment covering moved buildings, to also apply to prefabricated, factory assembled structures. The moved building amendment is intended to apply to site built structures.
- SUPERSEDES:** None
- REQUESTED BY:** Thurston County