

Dear sir or madam:

You may have heard that public comment RB 168-16, an effort to create an IRC Appendix for tiny houses, recently received enough votes in favor at the ICC Public Comment Hearings in Kansas City, MO to move on to the cdpAccess public comment voting process. As a voting member of the ICC, you will have an opportunity to vote for this important new IRC appendix between November 8th and November 21st. I encourage you to vote YES on the inclusion of the appendix for the following simple and important reasons.

1. This appendix makes simple suggestions to reduce the scale of housing while maintaining the health and safety regulation of the building in order to protect the occupants. This fully meets the intent of the code, including the need to provide affordability in our housing, as specifically described in Section R101.3 of the 2015 IRC.
2. Building officials across the country, perhaps you as well, need a building code that addresses issues specific to tiny houses. The current housing trend of building tiny is growing fast and it's important that the IRC put something in place to oversee the safe construction of these homes.
3. People are building tiny houses right now without oversight and they will continue to build them whether building officials provide that oversight or not. We in the tiny house community believe it's important to provide oversight to ensure the health and safety of the occupants, especially with such a large proportion of owner-builders in the industry.

Please be sure to watch the testimony for RB 168-16 from the hearings in Kansas City as many building officials explained their reasons for supporting this public comment and we believe you will find their points interesting and perhaps even familiar to your own situation. The footage will be made available on the [www.cdpaccess.com](http://www.cdpaccess.com) website in days ahead.

I'd like to thank you for considering a YES vote on Public Comment RB 168-16. We in the tiny house community want to work *with* building officials to provide affordable, healthy, and safe housing for thousands of people across the US. A vote in favor of this public comment is a vote in favor of just that.

Thank you.