200 Purpose:

The purpose of this building code is to establish minimum standards for the construction and maintenance to buildings on the reservation. The objective of these regulations is to protect life and limb from fire and accidents resulting from unsafe buildings, ad to insure that buildings have sufficient ventilation, light, heat and other facilities to provide a healthy environment in which to live and work.

201 Application:

1. This code shall apply to the construction and major alteration of:

   a. Any building leased for the purpose of human habitation.

   b. Any building units located in a community improvement area, as defined in Section 501.2 of the community improvement ordinance.

   c. Any building located in an area designated in Section 601.2 of the zoning ordinance.

   d. Any non-dwelling unit other than a barn, farm shed or related farm structure.

   Major alteration shall mean any repair, addition or improvement costing in excess of $1,000.

2. While modernization of existing buildings and dwellings, other than rental units, is not required by this code, it is expected that buildings which do not meet the standards herein prescribed will be made to comply at the earliest possible time.

202 Administration and Enforcement:

This code shall be administered and enforced in accordance with the Code Compliance Ordinance (Ordinance RI-1) governing the administration and enforcement of codes generally.

203 Lot Size and Location of Dwelling Units:

All newly constructed dwellings shall be situated upon lots meeting the requirements of the Zoning Code (Ordinance RI-6).
Construction and Alteration Standards:

Every building subject to this code which is constructed or subjected to a major alteration, shall be built or altered in a neat, safe and workmanlike manner. Every reasonable effort shall be made consistent with the amount of money which is spent upon the building, to produce a structure which is safe, weather resistant, and which provides a healthy environment for human use and habitation.

Non-dwelling Units:

1. All buildings which are open to the public, including all commercial buildings, stores, hotels, motels, filling stations and all industrial and public buildings, hereafter constructed or subject to major alteration shall be constructed or altered in a sound and workmanlike manner, which shall accord with current practices in other communities for the construction of buildings of like size and character. Matters of construction and design shall, to the extent possible, be governed by the National Building Code.

Maintenance:

All structures subject to this code shall be maintained in a safe and sound condition.