§ 377. New York state uniform fire prevention and building code. 1. The council shall formulate a uniform fire prevention and building code which shall take effect on the first day of January, nineteen hundred eighty-four. The council may from time to time amend particular provisions of the uniform code and shall periodically review the entire code to assure that it effectuates the purposes of this article and the specific objectives and standards hereinafter set forth. The secretary shall conduct public hearings on said uniform code and any amendment thereto. The secretary shall review such code or amendment, together with any changes incorporated by the council as a result of such hearings, to insure that it effectuates the purposes of this article. Upon being so satisfied, the secretary shall approve said code or amendment prior to its becoming effective.

2. The uniform fire prevention and building code shall:

a. provide reasonably uniform standards and requirements for construction and construction materials for public and private buildings, including factory manufactured homes, consonant with accepted standards of engineering and fire prevention practices;

b. formulate such standards and requirements, so far as may be practicable, in terms of performance objectives, so as to make adequate performance for the use intended the test of acceptability;

c. permit to the fullest extent feasible, use of modern technical methods, devices and improvements which tend to reduce the cost of construction without substantially affecting reasonable requirements for the health, safety and security of the occupants or users of buildings;

d. encourage, so far as may be practicable, the standardization of construction practices, methods, equipment, material and techniques; and

e. eliminate restrictive, obsolete, conflicting and unnecessary building regulations and requirements which tend to increase unnecessarily construction costs or retard unnecessarily the use of new materials, or provide unwarranted preferential treatment to types or

classes of material or products or methods of construction.