The purpose of N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.4(c) of the State Uniform Construction Code (UCC), as explained during its adoption, is to ensure that alterations mandated under any maintenance code do not trigger the need for strict conformance with all other requirements of the UCC.

N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.4(c) makes it clear that property owners of existing buildings cited under any fire or property maintenance code(s) (such as the State Uniform Fire Code, the Rooming and Boarding House Act, the Maintenance of Hotels and Multiple Dwellings regulations, or any other State or local maintenance code) will have to comply only with those codes and shall not, as a consequence of their attempt to comply, become subject to higher standards imposed by any subcode adopted by the UCC (N.J.A.C. 5:23). Hence, construction officials shall not insist that alterations mandated under various maintenance codes conform to the regulations of the UCC, unless the code requiring the alterations requires so.