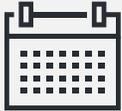


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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
Arkansas	Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board Meeting	6/8/2021	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Meeting	6/8/2021	Info
Illinois	Illinois Capital Development Board Meeting	6/8/2021	Info
Oklahoma	Highway Construction Materials Tech Certification Board Meeting	6/8/2021	Info
NC	North Carolina Building Code Council Meeting	6/8/2021	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana Oil and Gas Hearing	6/8/2021	Info
Mass	MA Board of Building Regulation and Standards Meeting	6/8/2021	Info
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Meeting	6/8/2021	Info
California	California Energy Commission Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
Connecticut	Connecticut Code and Standards Committee Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
Florida	Florida Building Code Administrators & Inspectors Board Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia State Building Code Committee Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia IECC Committee Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia NEC Committee Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
Mass	Massachusetts Existing Buildings Advisory Committee Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
Washington	Washington SBCC TAG (Building Code) Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
DC	DC TAG (Mechanical) Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Meeting	6/9/2021	Info
Illinois	Illinois Elevator Safety Review Board Meeting	6/10/2021	Info
Nevada	Southern Nevada ICC Board Meeting	6/10/2021	Info
Indiana	Indiana Code Update Exploratory Committee Meeting	6/10/2021	Info
DC	DC TAG (Green and Commercial Energy) Meeting	6/10/2021	Info
New Jersey	New Jersey Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board Meeting	6/11/2021	Info
DC	DC TAG (Existing Building) Meeting	6/11/2021	Info
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Commercial Building Code Council Meeting	6/14/2021	Info
DC	DC TAG (Flood Hazard) Meeting	6/14/2021	Info

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Building

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New Jersey	6/7/2021	Notice of Administrative Correction - Uniform Construction Code
<p>New Jersey published a notice of administrative correction regarding the Uniform Construction Code, NJAC 5:23-6.26 and 6.27, related to the placement and spacing of electrical receptacles and lighting outlets in reconstructed, non-transient Residential Group R buildings in the Rehabilitation Subcode. The Rehabilitation Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6, is a graduated code, wherein a reconstruction is categorized as the most extensive possible work on an existing building. Presently, the basic requirements for these reconstructed buildings result in limited installation of electrical receptacles and lighting outlets and consequent overuse of extension cords by homeowners, which poses a safety hazard to the occupants of the building. The proposed amendments would ensure that a reconstructed Group R-2, R-3, R-4, or R-5 building will provide occupants with the same number of electrical receptacles and lighting outlets afforded new construction, in accordance with the relevant sections of the National Electrical Code (NEC).</p>		
Massachusetts	6/8/2021	Board to Discuss Public Hearing and Code Change Proposals
<p>On June 8, the Board will discuss and vote on May 2021 Public Hearing and Code Change Proposals. The proposals relate to structural concrete, concrete testing, asbestos, and stretch energy code (commercial and residential).</p>		
Washington	6/9/2021	Council to Discuss IBC Code Change Proposals
<p>On June 9, the Council will discuss IBC Code Change Proposals, relating to guards for occupied roofs, emergency responder communication coverage enhancement, NFPA 13R sprinkler systems, and separation. They will also discuss options for implementation of new provisions for EV charging infrastructure, relating to HB 1257.</p>		
Oregon	6/7/2021	BCD Technical Bulletins
<p>Oregon's Building Code Division has published technical bulletins relating to the 2021 ORSC adoption for the following topics: insulation and installation of ducts, balanced mechanical whole-house ventilation, and slab-on-grade insulation for new dwellings.</p>		

Fire

Rhode Island	7/1/2021	NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 2018 Effective 6/1/2021
<p>The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review published that the 2018 edition of NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 will be effective 7/1/2021.</p>		

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Energy

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California	5/7/2021	2022 Energy Code Update Rulemaking
<p>The CEC began the formal rulemaking of the 2022 Energy Code on May 7, 2021, with the publication of the Notice of Proposed Action by the Office of Administrative Law in the California Regulatory Notice Registry.</p>		

Misc.

South Carolina	7/27/2021	Notice Of Hearing - 2021 I-Codes, 2020 National Code
<p>A Public Hearing is Scheduled for July 27, 2021 to consider the 2021 ICC codes.</p>		
Georgia	6/29/2021	Committee to Discuss 2022 Proposed Amendments
<p>On June 29, the State Codes Advisory Committee will hear 2022 Proposed Amendment Subcommittee Reports from the Residential-Building-Energy Subcommittee and the Plumbing-Mechanical-Gas Subcommittee. They will also discuss 2020 NEC Section 210.8.</p>		
Montana	6/23/2021	Building Code Listening Session
<p>On June 23 and 25, the Building Codes Program will hold Building Code Listening Sessions to gather input from stakeholders and interested persons regarding adoption of building codes in Montana. The Building Codes Program will receive public input on the following major code updates: IBC 2021, IRC 2021, IECC 2021, IEBC 2021, UPC 2021, IMC 2021, IFGC 2021, NFPA 99 2021, NEC 2021, ISPSC 2021, IWUIC 2021, and various other minor codes.</p>		
California	5/28/2021	45-Day Public Comment Period Open for 2022 California Codes
<p>Various California state agencies have submitted proposed code changes that are intended for inclusion in the 2022 California Building Standards Code, scheduled for publication in July 2022 with an effective date of January 2023. All proposed actions are subject to a 45-day public comment period – all public comments will be accepted until midnight on July 12, 2021.</p> <p>The proposed codes include the 2022 California Electrical Code (based on the 2020 NEC), 2022 California Mechanical Code (based on the 2021 UMC), and 2022 California Plumbing Code (based on the 2021 UPC).</p>		
New Jersey	6/11/2021	Board to Discuss 2020/2021 Model Adoption
<p>On June 11, the Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board is set to discuss 2020/2021 Model Adoption for the following codes: NSPC 2021, NEC 2020, IECC 2021 and ASHRAE 90.1-2019, IMC 2021, and IFGC 2021. They will also discuss height and area references in the UCC, as well as various elements of the rehabilitation subcode, including electrical materials and methods, elevator subcode modifications (ASME A17.1-2016), and exit access stairs.</p>		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
NY	S 7176	Relates to establishing the "Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2021	Kevin Parker	Referred to Rules	6/4/2021
<p>This bill establishes the Advanced Building Codes, Appliance, and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2021. It adds the promotion of clean energy and the implementation of the climate agenda set forth in the NY State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to the State Energy Conservation Construction Code. The bill also increases the efficiency standards of appliances and equipment by the State Energy Conservation Construction Code.</p>					
NJ	A 5838	Establishes expedited construction plan review program.	Rob Karabinchak	Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing Committee	6/3/2021
<p>This bill establishes an alternate expedited plan review process under the State Uniform Construction Code Act. Under the bill, an applicant for a construction permit may opt to pay a premium fee to have review and approval of the plans and specifications submitted together with the application for the permit performed on an expedited basis, within ten calendar days of the date of submission of the permit application. A municipality may offer expedited plan reviews by its construction code enforcing agency.</p>					
NH	SB 15	Relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code and state fire code	Sharon Carson	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-1155h: MA VV 06/03/2021	6/3/2021
<p>This bill ratifies certain amendments to the state building code and state fire code adopted by the fire marshal and state building code review board in 2015, 2016, 2019, and 2020. The bill provides that the following amendments shall expire as provided in 2019, 250:4:</p> <p>I. RE-15-33-18, an amendment to International Residential Code (IRC) 2015, table N1102.1.2, relative to climate zone 6, wood frame wall r-value.</p> <p>II. RE-15-37-18, an amendment to IRC 2015, section N1101.5, relative to information on construction documents.</p> <p>III. RE-15-39-18, an amendment to IRC 2015, section N1102.1, relative to the building thermal envelope.</p> <p>IV. RE-15-40-18, an amendment to IRC 2015, section N1102.4.1.2, relative to testing.</p> <p>V. RE-15-42-18, an amendment to IRC 2015, section N1103.6, relative to mechanical ventilation.</p> <p>VI. RE-15-43-18, an amendment to IRC 2015, table N1102.1.2, relative to insulation and fenestration requirements by component.</p>					

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State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
CA	SB 68	Building electrification and electric vehicle charging	Josh Becker	Referred to Com. on U. & E.	6/3/2021
<p>This bill would require the Energy Commission to develop and publish on its internet website a guide for electrification of buildings and to submit to the Legislature a report on barriers to electrifying existing buildings and to adding energy storage or vehicle charging equipment to existing buildings.</p>					
CA	AB 33	Energy Conservation Assistance Act of 1979:	Phil Ting	Referred to Com. on E., U. & C.	6/3/2021
<p>This bill would prohibit new public buildings for which construction begins on or after January 1, 2022, to have natural gas connections.</p>					
RI	SB 873	The Green Buildings Act - Terminates The Requirement Of Utilizing Green Building Standards For New Public Buildings Construction Projects	DiPalma, Ruggiero, et. al	Committee recommended measure be held for further study	6/2/2021
<p>This act would, effective December 31, 2020, terminate the requirement of utilizing green building standards for new public buildings construction projects. It would also mandate that new green standards be established with clear measurable targets for all future major facility projects. This act would take effect on January 1, 2022.</p>					
PA	HB 1526	An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for exemptions.	Mark Longietti	Referred to LABOR AND INDUSTRY	6/1/2021
<p>This bill amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code to exclude storm shelter requirements, also known as "tornado shelters", from all newly constructed public buildings, including renovations and additions.</p> <p>The version of the International Building Code (IBC) adopted by Pennsylvania requires tornado shelters, designed to withstand wind speeds in excess of 250 mph, be included in new construction of public buildings in certain parts of Pennsylvania. Until recently, the Federal Emergency Management Agency wind zone map did not include any of Pennsylvania for winds of this nature (E-5 - the highest wind zone category). However, the new FEMA map now includes several counties in PA within the highest wind zone. Therefore, new construction of public buildings in these areas would require the construction of a tornado shelter.</p>					

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State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
MA	HD 3444	An Act establishing a pathway to net zero buildings	Tami Gouveia	Senate concurred	6/1/2021
<p>This bill makes provisions to provide a net zero pathway for both residential and commercial new construction and major renovations to be designed to ensure that buildings are highly energy efficient.</p>					
TX	HB 3215	Relating to energy efficiency building standards.	Charlie Geren, Bryan Hughes	Sent to the Governor	5/31/2021
<p>A building certified by a national, state, or local accredited energy efficiency program and determined by the laboratory to be in compliance with the energy efficiency requirement must be in compliance of one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Standard 301 of the American National Standard for the Calculation and Labeling of the Energy Performance of Dwelling and Sleeping Units using an Energy Rating Index, commonly cited as ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301, or the Standard 380 of the American National Standard for Testing Airtightness of Building, Dwelling Unit, and Sleeping Unit Enclosures, Airtightness of Heating and Cooling Air Distribution Systems, and Airflow of Mechanical Ventilation Systems, commonly cited as ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380. 					

State Rules & Notices



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State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
TX	6/4/2021	Emergency	Air Conditioning And Refrigeration: Technical Requirements
<p>The emergency rule adds a new subsection to state that compliance with Section 210.8(F) of the 2020 NEC is not required until January 1, 2023. It is widely expected that manufacturers of both electrical and air-conditioning equipment will have resolved relevant compatibility issues by this date, at which point the danger to Texas residents will subside.</p> <p>Section 210.8(F) of the NEC requires certain outdoor outlets to have ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI) protection. An incompatibility between most GFCI products on the market and certain types of air-conditioning and heating equipment has resulted in that equipment failing by persistently tripping circuit breakers. The approaching summer heat poses a serious threat to Texas residents whose air-conditioning systems have failed or are malfunctioning. Adopting the emergency rule would help keep Texas residents safe by ensuring installed air-conditioning systems are not subject to failure due to equipment incompatibility.</p>			

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AZ	6/4/2021	Proposed	Fire Protection Systems; Building Services And Systems; Fire Service Features; Emergency Planning And Preparedness; General Precautions Against Fire; Inspections And Enforcement; Permits; Incorporated Appendices; Appendices; Definitions; Incorporation By Reference Of The International Fire Code
<p>The Department adopts the entirety of the International Fire Code (IFC), incorporated by reference. The IFC 2012 is incorporated by reference in R4-36-201 and needs to be replaced with the IFC 2018. In addition to the safety measures addressed in the IFC 2012, the IFC 2018 addresses several additional items of concern, such as battery storage facilities and facilities that produce cannabis products. Adopting the IFC 2018 will allow the state to enforce life safety protections relating to such additional items of concern.</p>			
CA	5/28/2021	Proposed	The 2022 California Electrical Code California Code Of Regulations, Title 24, Part 3: SFM 01/20
<p>The Office of the State Fire Marshal proposes to adopt the 2020 edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC) into the 2022 edition of the California Electrical Code (CEC).</p>			
CA	5/28/2021	Proposed	The 2022 California Mechanical Code California Code Of Regulations, Title 24, Part 4: SFM 01/21
<p>This proposed action on behalf of the State Fire Marshal is principally intended to adopt the 2022 California Mechanical Code, based on the 2021 Uniform Mechanical Code. It also references certain NFPA standards.</p>			
CA	5/28/2021	Proposed	The 2022 California Plumbing Code California Code Of Regulations, Title 24, Part 5: SFM 02/21
<p>This proposed action on behalf of the State Fire Marshal is principally intended to adopt the 2022 California Plumbing Code, based on the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code. It also references certain NFPA standards.</p>			
CA	5/7/2021	Notice	2022 Energy Code Changes
<p>Notice that the California Energy Commission proposes to adopt changes to the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10 and Part 6 (2022 California Energy Code).</p>			