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Code Alerts

Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	6/15/2021	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana Oil and Gas Hearing	6/15/2021	Info
Hawaii	Hawaii Subcommittee of Building Officials Meeting	6/15/2021	Info
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Meeting	6/15/2021	Info
DC	DC TAG (Fire and Life Safety) Meeting	6/15/2021	Info
Michigan	Michigan Manufactured Housing Commission Meeting	6/16/2021	Info
California	California Accessibility Committee Meeting	6/16/2021	Info
Indiana	Indiana Elevator Code Committee Meeting	6/16/2021	Info
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Meeting	6/16/2021	Info
DC	DC TAG (Building) Meeting	6/16/2021	Info
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	6/17/2021	Info
Georgia	Georgia Plumbing, Fuel-Gas, Mechanical Meeting	6/17/2021	Info
Maine	Maine Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting	6/17/2021	Info
Michigan	Michigan State Fire Safety Board Meeting	6/17/2021	Info
California	California Accessibility Committee Meeting	6/17/2021	Info
West Virginia	WV Fire Legislation and Codes Committee Meeting	6/17/2021	Info
Michigan	Michigan Construction Code Commission Meeting	6/17/2021	Info
Idaho	Idaho Electrical Board Meeting	6/17/2021	Info
Washington	State Building Code Council TAG (Fire Code) Meeting	6/17/2021	Info
NH	NH Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board Meeting	6/18/2021	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	6/18/2021	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Meeting	6/18/2021	Info
South Carolina	South Carolina Building Codes Council Meeting	6/21/2021	Info

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Building

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Hawaii	6/15/2021	Proposed Amendments to the 2018 IBC
<p>The Subcommittee of Building Officials will discuss on June 15 additional proposed amendments to the 2018 International Building Code. The primary discussion items will be proposals to amend Section 1615, Tsunami Loads, Section 1705.11.1, Complete Load Path and Uplift Ties, Appendix U of Section 423.1 related to Community Storm Shelters, and Appendix W of Hawaii Wind Design Provisions for New Construction.</p>		
Washington	7/3/2021	WSR 21-12-103
<p>On June 2, the Washington SBCC filed a permanent rule in response to ESHB 1023 and addresses increasing beds for adult family homes. Chapter 51-50 WAC, Amendments to the 2018 International Building Code and International Existing Building Code. Effective July 3.</p>		
Washington	7/3/2021	WSR 21-12-102
<p>On June 2, the Washington SBCC filed a permanent rule in response to ESHB 1023 and addresses increasing beds for adult family homes. Chapter 51-51 WAC, Amendments to the 2018 International Residential Code. Effective July 3.</p>		
Washington	5/28/2021	WSR 21-12-075
<p>On May 28, the Washington SBCC filed a permanent rule to add an amended section to chapter 51-50 WAC; specifically addressing chapter 16, section 1615 on tsunami loads. The SBCC convened a technical advisory group to develop this amendment to provide a more accurate map reference to areas affected in Washington state. Effective June 28.</p>		

Electrical/Plumbing

State/Body	Date	Title
North Carolina	10/1/2021	2020 NEC – Effective Date October 1, 2021
<p>The 2020 State Electrical Code (2020 NEC with State Amendments) was accepted by the Building Code Council on June 8, 2021. The link holds the State Amendments for the 2020 NEC.</p>		

Fire

State/Body	Date	Title
Washington	6/17/2021	TAG to Review Editorial Suggestions for IFC
<p>The Fire Code TAG will discuss editorial suggestions for 2018 IFC CR-106 and review code change proposals.</p>		

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Misc.

State/Body	Date	Title
Minnesota	6/10/2021	Rule 1335 Flood Resistant Design TAG
Minnesota's Department of Labor and Industry announced the 2021 meetings for the Rule 1335 Flood Resistant Design Technical Advisory Group.		
Washington	6/11/2021	TAG to Review Energy & Mechanical Proposals
On June 11, the Energy Code TAG will review proposals for editorial and clarification, for both mechanical and energy codes. Topics include low energy buildings, mass transfer deck, data center, HVAC, air intake, boiler efficiency, duct insulation, lighting, pipe length, roof retrofit, hydronic coil, hot water coil, boiler and pthp controls, thermostats, valves, and various others.		
Connecticut	6/9/2021	Code Change Proposals
The Codes and Standards Committee discussed code change proposals from the public submission period, and heard 2021 CSBC and CSFC Code Review Work Group presentations.		
Washington	6/2/2021	WSR 21-12-099
On June 2, the Washington SBCC filed a preproposal statement of inquiry regarding adopting and amending the 2021 International Wildland Urban Interface Code and moving the amendments from chapter 51-50 WAC to chapter 51-55 WAC.		
Wisconsin	6/14/2021	Council to Discuss 2021 IECC-COMmercial
The Council will discuss and consider adoption of the 2021 IECC-Commercial Without Weakening Amendments. They will also discuss SPS suggested code changes related to administration and enforcement, building and structures, energy conservation, fuel gas appliances, and existing buildings.		
Indiana	6/10/2021	Indiana Code Update Priorities
The Exploratory Committee for Code Updates published its priorities and the order of the code updates that it will recommend to the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. The top priority is to update the Indiana Electrical Code to the most recent edition of the NFPA 70. The next priorities are to update the family of core codes to the most recent editions of the nation model codes (IBC, IFC, IFGC, IMC, IPC), and update the Indiana Energy Conservation Code to the most recent edition of either ANSI/ASHRAE 90.1 or the IECC. Low priorities are to update the Swimming Pool Code and Indiana Residential Code.		
Washington	6/18/2021	Council to Discuss Code Proposals and Rulemaking Decisions
The State Building Code Council will discuss Group 1 Code Change Proposals and deliberations on rulemaking decisions. They will move to adopt 2018 IBC EV Charging.		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
NJ	S 3884	Zero Energy Construction Act	Jim Beach	Intro in Senate, Ref to Senate C & UA Committee	6/10/2021
The bill would require all new residential and commercial developments to be zero energy ready and require developers to offer zero energy construction.					
NY	S 7176	Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2021	Kevin Parker	REFERRED TO CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS	6/10/2021
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.					
NY	S 6210	Directs the SFPBCC to update the state fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code	James Skoufis	COMMITTED TO RULES	6/10/2021
Directs the state fire prevention and building code council to update the state fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code within 12 months of the publication of any updated or revised edition of the international and national codes relating thereto, so as to ensure that the state's codes reflect such revisions and updates.					
NH	SB 15	Relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code and state fire code	Sharon Carson	Sen. Carson Moved to Concur with the House Amendment, MA, VV; 06/10/2021; SJ 19	6/10/2021
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. It provides that the following amendments shall expire: 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. II. RE-15-37-18, an amendment to IRC 2015, section N1101.5, relative to information on construction documents. III. RE-15-39-18, an amendment to IRC 2015, section N1102.1, relative to the building thermal envelope. IV. RE-15-40-18, an amendment to IRC 2015, section N1102.4.1.2, relative to testing. V. RE-15-42-18, an amendment to IRC 2015, section N1103.6, relative to mechanical ventilation. VI. RE-15-43-18, an amendment to IRC 2015, table N1102.1.2, relative to insulation and fenestration requirements by component.					

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CA	AB 1329	Building codes: earthquakes: functional recovery standard	Adrin Nazarian	Referred to Com. on HOUSING.	6/9/2021
<p>The bill would require the Building Standards Commission to develop, adopt, and publish building standards that would require new construction of buildings, except for buildings regulated by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development or the Division of the State Architect, to be designed and built to a functional recovery standard, as defined, for earthquake loads. The bill would specify that if a functional recovery standard is not completed in time for inclusion in the building code with an effective date of January 1, 2026, engineered buildings, as defined, will be assigned to Risk Category IV, as defined in the building code.</p>					
CT	SB 845	State Fire Codes, membership, appointment of a temporary fire marshal and reports filed after a fire emergency	Joint Com on Public Safety and Security	Moved to Foot of the Calendar, Senate	6/9/2021
<p>The bill renames the advisory committee to the Fire Prevention Code Committee. It also provides that the state code shall be based on the nationally recognized model fire and life safety codes and shall be revised as deemed necessary to incorporate advances in technologies and improvements in construction materials and any subsequent revisions to the code not later than eighteen months following the date of first publication of such revisions to the code, unless the State Fire Marshal and the committee certify that a revision is not necessary for such purpose. On and after the effective date of the adoption of the 2020 Fire Safety Code, the code shall provide for reasonable safety from fire, smoke and panic therefrom, in all buildings and areas adjacent thereto constructed on and after January 1, 2006, except in private dwellings occupied by one or two families and upon all premises.</p>					
CO	HB 21-128 6	Energy Performance For Buildings	Cathy Kipp	House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repass	6/8/2021
<p>This bill adds that the department may not include in the state building code a requirement for the installation of a fire sprinkler system in a single-family dwelling or a residential building that contains no more than two dwelling units.</p>					
MA	S 354	An Act to improve and enhance the Advisory Board to the Massachusetts School Building Authority	Jason Lewis	Hearing scheduled for 06/11/2021 from 10:00 AM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing	6/7/2021
<p>This bill enhances the Advisory Board to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The advisory board shall assist the authority in the development of general policy regarding school building construction, renovation, reconstruction, maintenance and facility space, preservation of open space and minimization of loss of open space, thoughtful community development, cost management, adequate provisions for safety and security and shall provide technical advice and input to the authority.</p>					

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NY	A 2039	Relates to modular construction work	Erik Dilan	Substitute S 4738 action - RECOMMITTED TO LABOR	6/7/2021
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The bill provides that modular construction shall comply with any existing municipal licensing requirements for all electrical, plumbing, and fire suppression work.

TX	HB 738	Relating to the residential and commercial building codes of municipalities.	Dennis Paul, Robert Nichols	See remarks for effective date	6/7/2021
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The bill adopts the 2012 edition of the IRC code.

The bill adds that a municipality may establish procedures to adopt local amendments to the International Residential Code that may add, modify, or remove requirements set by the code. The bill also adds subsection (e) to 214.212 which specifies that a municipality may not adopt a local amendment under Subsection (c) unless the municipality: (1) holds a public hearing on the local amendment before adopting the local amendment; and (2) adopts the local amendment by ordinance.

State Rules & Notices



State Rules & Notices

State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
FL	6/11/2021	Notice	The Florida Building Commission, Energy Technical Advisory Committee, Announces A Public Meeting
WI	6/7/2021	Notice	Mass Timber Construction

The Building Commission and Energy Technical Advisory Committee will review and accept final draft report for research project titled "Comparison of the 7th Edition Florida Building, Energy Conservation Code with IECC 2021; ASHRAE 90.1-2019."

The relevant policy is to encourage the use of a safe and available building material, mass timber, that exists in significant quantities in raw form in the state. Expediently updating the Wisconsin commercial building code's provisions relating to mass timber will assist with this goal by removing existing barriers to the use of mass timber in commercial construction.