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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
Indiana	Indiana Fire Prevention & Building Safety Commission Meeting	7/7/2021	Info
Nevada	Southern Nevada ICC Board Meeting	7/7/2021	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana Oil and Gas Hearing	7/7/2021	Info
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	7/7/2021	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council TAG (Building Code) Meeting	7/7/2021	Info
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	7/8/2021	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Building Regulation and Standards Meeting	7/8/2021	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council TAG (Energy Code) Meeting	7/9/2021	Info
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Wisconsin	Wisconsin Commercial Building Code Council Meeting	7/12/2021	Info
California	California Energy Commission Meeting	7/12/2021	N/A
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Electricity Meeting	7/13/2021	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana Oil and Gas Hearing	7/13/2021	Info
California	California Energy Commission Meeting	7/13/2021	N/A
Connecticut	Connecticut Code and Standards Committee Meeting	7/14/2021	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Geotechnical Advisory Committee Meeting	7/14/2021	Info
Indiana	Indiana Elevator Code Committee Meeting	7/14/2021	Info
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DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	7/15/2021	Info
California	California Energy Commission Meeting	07/15/2021	Info
Maine	Maine Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting	7/15/2021	Info
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania UCC Review & Advisory Council Meeting	7/15/2021	N/A
New York	New York Building Standards and Codes Meeting	7/15/2021	Info

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Building

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Rhode Island	6/29/2021	Proposed Rule: Building Code
Rhode Island has published a proposed rule to adopt the 2018 Edition of the IBC. The public comment period is from 6/29/2021 to 7/29/2021.		
Rhode Island	6/29/2021	Proposed Rule: Residential Code
Rhode Island has published a proposed rule to adopt the 2018 Edition of the IRC. The public comment period is from 6/29/2021 to 7/29/2021.		
North Carolina	6/8/2021	Building Code Council amends NC Residential Code
The Building Code Council approved a series of motions to amend the 2018 NC Residential Building Code.		
Washington	7/7/2021	State Code Council to review IBC Proposals
The State Building Code will review the 2021 IBC Code Change Proposals.		
Massachusetts	7/8/2021	Board to discuss the 2021 International Codes
The Board of Building Regulations and Standards will discuss the Tenth Edition of Massachusetts Building Code based on the 2021 International Codes.		
Oregon	7/1/2021	Adoption process for Oregon Structural Specialty Code begins
The process for adopting the next Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) started July 1, 2021. Code adoption information is posted on the OMSC adoption webpage.		

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Fire

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New York	6/25/2021	Uniform Code Provisions for Rail Stations
<p>On June 25, 2021, the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council adopted a rule that amends the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code to add a new Part 1228 to Title 19 of the Official Compilation of the Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York (NYCRR). 19 NYCRR Part 1228 adds specific provisions in relation to the construction, alteration, relocation, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal, and demolition of rail stations. Particularly, the rule incorporates by reference a publication entitled “Uniform Code Provisions for Rail Stations” (publication date: June 2021) published by the Department of State and the reference standard “NFPA 130, Standard for Fixed Guideway Transit and Passenger Rail Systems” published by the NFPA. Effective October 12, 2021.</p>		
West Virginia	7/28/2021	Proposed Fire Code Hearing
<p>On July 28, the Fire Commission shall hold a Hearing and Public Comment on proposed Fire Code (87CSR1) adoption.</p>		
North Carolina	6/8/2021	Building Code Council amends Fire Code Regulations
<p>The Building Code Council approved an amendment to the fire code regulations of the Town of Wadesboro Code of Ordinances.</p>		

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Energy

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Rhode Island	6/29/2021	Proposed Rule: Energy Conservation Code
Rhode Island has published a proposed rule to adopt the 2018 Edition of the IECC. The public comment period is from 6/29/2021 to 7/29/2021.		
North Carolina	6/8/2021	Building Code Council amends Energy Performance Regulation
The Building Code Council approved a motion to send a request to amend the 2018 N.C. Residential Code, Section N1101.13 (R401.2) to Committee. The amendment would add that projects must comply with the ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019 Standard for the Calculation and Labeling of Energy Performance of Low-Rise Residential Buildings using an Energy Rating Index.		
California	7/12/2021	CEC to host workshop on decarbonization
The California Energy Commission will host a workshop to examine consumer needs, financing availability and workforce issues associated with building decarbonization. Topics discussed will include outreach and education activities, financing tools, incentive programs, workforce readiness, just transition, and opportunities to advance energy equity		
California	7/2/2021	2022 Proposed Rule for CalGreen
The California Energy Commission published the 2022 proposed Rulemaking for Part 11 (CalGreen) and Parts 2-5 of the Building Standards Code. Proposed revisions impact the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 and Parts 2, 2.5, 3, 4, and 5. There is 45-day comment period.		
Washington	7/9/2021	Energy Code Group to consider lighting and heating proposals
The Energy Code Technical Advisory Group will discuss proposals related to lighting regulations, Heat Pump/Water Heaters regulations, and New Service Water Heating regulations.		

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Electrical/Plumbing

State/Body	Date	Title
Nebraska	8/28/2021	Nebraska Adopts 2018 UPC
Nebraska has added the UPC, 2018 Edition, to its list of state-adopted building codes, effective August 28.		
Iowa	7/23/2021	Iowa Adopts 2021 UPC
Effective June 23, 2021, the UPC 2021 Edition as published by IAPMO is the State Plumbing Code for Iowa. The provisions of Section 101 and 102 and Chapters 2 to 17 of the UPC are adopted by reference with certain amendments.		
US	7/1/2021	2021 NSPC
IAPMO published the 2021 National Standard Plumbing Code.		
US	7/1/2021	IAPMO 2021 NSPC
IAPMO published that the IAPMO NSPC Committee requests proposed changes to the 2021 NSPC. All proposals are due by March 1, 2022. Proposals accepted by the technical committee will appear in the 2024 NSPC.		

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Misc.

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Iowa	7/23/2021	Iowa Adopts 2021 IMC
<p>Effective June 23, 2021, the International Mechanical Code (IMC), 2021 edition, as published by the International Code Council (ICC) is the State Mechanical Code for Iowa. The provisions of the IMC are adopted by reference as the requirements for the design, installation, maintenance, alteration, and inspection of mechanical systems that are permanently installed and utilized to provide control of environmental conditions and related processes within buildings, with certain amendments.</p>		
Minnesota	7/6/2021	Flood Resistant Design and Construction Meeting #2
<p>On July 6, the Flood Resistant Design TAG will discuss incorporating scoping from the 2018 IRC, 2018 IBC, and 2018 IECC directly into MR 1335. The TAG will also review proposed scoping revisions from the IBC and IRC, and complete review of the scoping provisions to be imported from the IRC and IEBC. Further, the TAG will review existing MR 1335 rule & amendments in comparison to the proposed ASCE 24 Standard.</p>		
Montana	7/15/2021	Underground Facility Protection Program Annual Meeting
<p>On July 15, the Underground Facility Protection Program Advisory Council will hold their annual meeting to discuss routine matters.</p>		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
RI	SB 339	Appliance And Equipment Energy And Water Efficiency Standards Act Of 2021	Sue Sosnowski	House passed Sub A in concurrence	7/1/2021
<p>This chapter establishes minimum efficiency standards for certain products sold or installed in the state. This chapter shall, upon enactment, be construed to supersede the provisions of chapter 27 of title 39, "The Energy and Consumer Savings Act of 2005", but only to the extent that any products sold or installed in compliance with the provisions of chapter 27 of title 39 be replaced on or after January 1, 2023, with products that are in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.</p>					
CA	AB 33	Energy storage systems and transportation electrification infrastructure	Phil Ting	Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on E., U. & C.	7/1/2021
<p>This bill would prohibit new public buildings for which construction begins on or after January 1, 2022, to have natural gas connections.</p>					
CA	AB 1329	Building codes: earthquakes	Adrin Nazarian	Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.	6/30/2021
<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>					

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CA	SB 68	Building electrification and electric vehicle charging	Josh Becker	From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (June 30). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/30/2021
<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 148	Public Resources	Assembly Committee on Budget	Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. (Ayes 31. Noes 9.)	6/28/2021
<p>Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to prepare, adopt, and submit building standards and other fire and life safety regulations to the California Building Standards Commission for approval establishing minimum requirements for the storage, handling, and use of hazardous materials. Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to seek the advice of the Office of Emergency Services in establishing those requirements. This bill would require the State Fire Marshal to seek the advice of the Secretary for Environmental Protection, rather than the office, in establishing those requirements. The bill would replace references in those provisions to "local fire chief" with "fire code official."</p>					

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State Rules & Notices



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State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
DE	7/1/2021	Final	702 Fire Protection In Building Construction
<p>The Commission proposed updating language in Chapter 1, subsection 3.1.4 to be consistent with the provisions of the existing regulations and the codes and standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), as adopted and/or modified by the regulations for rehabilitation of existing buildings; changed minor wording in Chapter 3, Section 3.0 Permit Required; subsection 3.1.5 - changed "more than 50" to "50 or more"; Chapter 4, Submittal of Plans 2.0 - Requirement for Sealed or Signed Plans; amended subsections 2.1 and 2.2 in their entirety to be more consistent with the requirements of the building officials; Chapter 7 Adopted Codes and Standards - amended more than 120 currently-adopted NFPA codes and standards to the most recent version, deleted four adopted NFPA codes and standards no longer in use; added three new NFPA codes and standards; and amended the current modifications of NFPA codes and standards to the recent proposed adopted codes and standards.</p>			
FL	7/1/2021	Proposed	Design Of Structures Utilizing Prefabricated Wood Trusses
<p>"This proposed rule provides that when a Structural Engineer of Record and a Delegated Engineer exist as may be determined by applicable Florida law, the apportionment of responsibilities between the Structural Engineer of Record and a Delegated Engineer shall be as set forth in Chapter 2 of ANSI/TPI 1-2014 National Design Standard for Metal Plate Connected Wood Truss Construction, which standard is incorporated herein by reference, wherein the Structural Engineer of Record is the Building Designer and the Delegated Engineer is the Truss Designer as those terms are defined in said standard. The material incorporated is copyrighted material that is available for public inspection and examination, but may not be copied, at the Department of State, Administrative Code and Register Section, Room 701, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, and at the Board office, 2639 North Monroe Street, Suite B-112, Tallahassee, FL 32303. "</p>			
RI	6/29/2021	Proposed	RISBC-1 Rhode Island Building Code
<p>All references to International Building Code (IBC) 2015, have been changed to the 2018 edition. Some IBC section numbers have been amended to conform to IBC 2018. Throughout the regulation: updated internal cross-references with new RICR citations and references to the 2021 version for all Parts in Title 510 being amended this year.</p>			

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RI	6/29/2021	Proposed	RISBC-2 Rhode Island State One And Two Family Dwellings
<p>All references to International Residential Code (IRC) 2015, have been changed to the 2018 edition. Some IRC section numbers have been amended to conform to IRC 2018. Throughout the regulation: updated internal cross-references with new RICR citations and references to the 2021 version for all Parts in Title 510 being amended this year.</p>			
RI	6/29/2021	Proposed	RISBC-8 State Of Rhode Island Energy Conservation Code
<p>The International Energy Conservation Code 2015, has been changed to the 2018 edition. Some IEC section numbers have been amended to conform to IEC 2018.</p>			