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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
Minnesota	Minnesota Plumbing Board Meeting	7/20/2021	Info
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Meeting	7/20/2021	Info
US	2021 National Energy Codes Conference	7/20/2021	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Rule 1335 Flood Resistant Design TAG Meeting	7/20/2021	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana Oil and Gas Hearing	7/20/2021	Info
Iowa	Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board Meeting	7/20/2021	Info
Delaware	Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Meeting	7/20/2021	Info
Oregon	Oregon Building Codes Division Meeting	7/20/2021	Info
Washington	Washington Plumber Advisory Board Meeting	7/20/2021	Info
Hawaii	Hawaii Building Code Council Meeting	7/20/2021	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council Meeting	7/20/2021	Info
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Construction Industries Board Meeting	7/21/2021	Info
Idaho	Idaho Electrical Board Meeting	7/21/2021	Info
Michigan	Michigan Construction Code Commission Meeting	7/21/2021	Info
US	2021 National Energy Codes Conference	7/21/2021	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Structural Advisory Committee Meeting	7/21/2021	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Coastal Subgroup Meeting	7/21/2021	Info
US	2021 National Energy Codes Conference	7/22/2021	Info
New Jersey	New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers	7/22/2021	Info
Oregon	Oregon Electrical and Elevator Board Meeting	7/22/2021	Info
Indiana	Indiana Code Update Exploratory Committee Meeting	7/23/2021	Info
Washington	State Building Code Council TAG (Energy Code) Meeting	7/23/2021	Info
Vermont	Vermont Division of Fire Safety Meeting	7/26/2021	Info
South Carolina	South Carolina Building Codes Council Hearing	7/27/2021	Info
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Committee Meeting	7/27/2021	Info

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Building

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Michigan	7/20/2021	Update IRC
<p>The Bureau of Construction Codes will hold a public meeting Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 9:00am at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48915, 1st Floor Forum.</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting is to allow persons an opportunity to present data and comments on the general need to update the current Michigan Residential Code with the 2021 edition of the International Residential Code.</p>		
Michigan	6/4/2021	Residential Code Rule
<p>The Michigan Residential Code - Chapters 1 and 2; Administrative Rules Part 5 were filed with the Office of the Great Seal on Friday, June 4, 2021 and go into effect on Monday, October 4, 2021. The rules update the Part 5 Residential rules.</p> <p>https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/2018-2019_Rules_Status_625807_7.pdf.</p>		
Michigan	7/15/2021	Building Code Rules in Review
<p>A public hearing was held on September 24, 2020, and the proposed Building Code rules are now in review. The proposed rules incorporate by reference the 2018 edition of the International Business Code (IBC) with Michigan amendments, additions, or deletions published by the International Code Council (ICC). The JCAR was submitted to OPLA/MOHR on 2/24/2021:</p> <p>https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/2018-2019_Rules_Status_625807_7.pdf.</p>		
Minnesota	7/20/2021	MR 1335 Rule, ACSE 24 Standard
<p>The Flood Resistant Design and Construction Group will review existing MR 1335 Rule and amendments in comparison to the proposed ASCE 24 standard.</p>		
Florida	7/30/2021	Structural TAC Errata Discussion
<p>The Structural Technical Advisory Committee will review and consider errata submitted pursuant to section 553.73(8), FS and provide recommendations to the Commission regarding those errata that are needed to correct demonstrated errors in the 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code as applicable.</p> <p>The errata session will include discussions of (1) typographical errors in the Florida Building Code Test Protocols for High Velocity Hurricane Zone, Roofing Application Standard 127 (RAS 127) and (2) values that need modification in rows for solid roof surfaces in Tables 2002.4 and 2002.4A to comply with ASCE 7-16.</p>		

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Florida	7/30/2021	Roofing TAC Errata Discussion
<p>The Roofing TAC will review and consider errata submitted pursuant to section 553.73(8), FS and provide recommendations to the Commission regarding those errata that are needed to correct demonstrated errors in the 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code as applicable.</p> <p>The errata session will include discussions regarding (1) a missing equal (=) symbol from Table 1507.1.1.1 and R905.1.1.1, (2) references to the correct wind speed figures as per section 1609 of the 7th Edition (2020) FBC-Building, and (3) a typographical error in section 1505.9 regarding rooftop mounted photovoltaic panel systems.</p>		
Florida	7/30/2021	Special Occupancy TAC Errata Discussion
<p>The Special Occupancy TAC will review and consider errata submitted pursuant to section 553.73(8), FS and provide recommendations to the Commission regarding those errata that are needed to correct demonstrated errors in the 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code as applicable.</p> <p>The errata session will include discussions regarding removal of the timeout room section and any references to time-out rooms from section 453.</p>		
Washington	7/6/2021	WSR 21-14-074
<p>The Building Code Council filed a permanent rule WSR 21-14-074. This rule is in response to E3SHB 1257, chapter 285, Laws of 2019, and addresses WAC 51-50-0429, Amendments to the 2018 International Building Code pertaining to electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The effective date is August 6, 2021.</p>		
Washington	6/22/2021	WSR 21-13-156
<p>The Building Code Council filed an emergency rule WSR 21-13-156. This rule modifies requirements in WAC 51-11R-40310 to temporarily rescind the prohibition for gas fireplaces with continuously burning pilot lights. It was effective immediately upon filing.</p>		

Fire

State/Body	Date	Title
Washington	7/15/2021	IFC Proposal Log
<p>The SBCC posted the updated IFC Proposal Log.</p>		
Oregon	7/15/2021	Residential Sprinklers Technical Bulletin
<p>The BCD posted a technical bulletin regarding residential sprinklers for new child care and adult foster care facilities located in dwellings The 2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) Chapter 1, Section R101.2.1, now requires automatic residential fire sprinkler systems, designed and installed in accordance with National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) 13D Standard, when locating a new child care facility or adult foster care facility in a residential dwelling, Group R-3 occupancy.</p>		

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Florida	8/2/2021	Fire TAC Errata Session
<p>The Fire TAC will review and consider errata submitted pursuant to section 553.73(8), FS and provide recommendations to the Commission regarding those errata that are needed to correct demonstrated errors in the 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code as applicable.</p> <p>The errata session will include discussions regarding consistency with SB 286 and SB 804.</p>		
West Virginia	7/19/2021	2022 Proposed Legislative Rules
<p>The Fire Marshal posted the 2022 Proposed Legislative Rules that impact the Fire Commission: 87CSR11 Fire Department Specialized Membership Rule, 87CSR12 Fire Department Junior Firefighter Rule, 87CSR13 Fire Department Certification of Fire Chiefs Rule, and 87CSR14 Use of Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) for Fire Training Purposes Rule.</p>		
Washington	7/10/2021	WSR 21-13-023
<p>The Building Code Council filed a permanent rule WSR 21-13-023. This rule is in response to ESHB 2783, chapter 43, Laws of 2020, and addresses WAC 51-54A-5707 amendments to the 2018 International Fire Code, addressing on-demand mobile fueling operations. It became effective July 10, 2021.</p>		

Energy

State/Body	Date	Title
Michigan	7/16/2021	Energy Code Seeking Input
<p>The Part 10 Michigan Uniform Energy Code and Part 10a Energy Code is now open, and they are seeking input. The current Part 10 and Part 10a Michigan Uniform Energy Code can be reviewed on the bureau's website at www.michigan.gov/bcc, click Administrative Rules, Codes, Public Acts & Standards, click Administrative Rules. Proposals for these rule set must be submitted to LARA-BCC-Rules@michigan.gov by 5:00pm Friday, July 16, 2021. Status of the rule set progression will be posted on BCCs website. 10A request for rulemaking: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/2021-49_LR_RFR_728090_7.pdf.</p>		
Oregon	7/16/2021	Rulemaking Advisory Committee SB 338
<p>The Building Codes Division will hold a rulemaking advisory committee meeting on SB 338. The bill modifies the scope of work to the Limited Renewable Energy Technician (LRT) license. The bill increases the kilowatt limit of electrical installations on which the LRT can work, and allows the LRT to install AC electrical wiring and connections to the termination of the final factory-provided interconnecting cable on the exterior of a structure that extends a max distance of 10 feet from the system, and extends no more than three feet within an accessible space of a structure, and does not connect to the structure's wiring system.</p> <p>At the board's May 2021 board meeting, the board approved temporary rulemaking to enact the requirements of SB 338, specifically the amendment of Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 918-282-0033 and 918-282-0400. The division is seeking input for rules enacting SB 338.</p>		

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Illinois	7/15/2021	2021 IECC Update Cycle
<p>The update cycle for the 2021 Illinois Energy Conservation Code has begun. The Illinois Code is based upon the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code. CDB will be accepting amendment proposals to the Code until August 15, 2021. All amendments will be considered by the Illinois Energy Conservation Advisory Council (ILECAC) and must be submitted on a Public Code Change Proposal Form.</p>		
Maine	7/15/2021	IECC & ASHRAE 90.1 Update
<p>Maine has adopted the 2015 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1-2016. The rule also notes the MUBEC Stretch Code: The 2021 International Energy Conservation Code, including its Appendix CA,CB,CC,RA,RB,RC, published by the International Code Council, Inc. A municipality may, pursuant to 10 M.R.S §9722 , elect to adopt the MUBEC stretch code. If a municipality adopts the MUBEC Stretch Code, the provisions of the stretch code are mandatory in that municipality. The provisions of the MUBEC Stretch Code are specified in Section 6.</p>		
California	7/13/2021	Proposed Changes to Energy Code
<p>The California Energy Commission published a notice of revised proposed changes to the 2022 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code). Submit written comments to the California Energy Commission for consideration on or prior to July 28, 2021.</p>		
California	7/2/2021	Proposed Revisions to Green Building Standards Code
<p>The California Energy Commission published a Notice of Proposed Action with proposed revisions to the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards, 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 and Parts 2, 2.5, 3, 4, and 5.</p>		
Florida	7/30/2021	Energy TAC Errata Session
<p>The Energy TAC will review and consider errata submitted pursuant to section 553.73(8), FS and provide recommendations to the Commission regarding those errata that are needed to correct demonstrated errors in the 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code as applicable. The errata session will include discussions regarding removal of the reference to Florida REScheck.</p>		
Massachusetts	7/15/2021	Emissions Reduction Goal
<p>The Baker-Polito Administration announced it has established an ambitious greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) reduction goal for the next three-year Mass Save® Energy Efficiency Plan. The goals, established as part of comprehensive, climate legislation signed into law by Governor Baker in March, will help the Commonwealth meet its ambitious goal to reduce GHG emissions 50% below 1990 levels by 2030.</p> <p>On March 26, 2021, Governor Baker signed comprehensive climate change legislation that significantly increased protections for Environmental Justice communities across Massachusetts, authorized the Administration to implement a new, voluntary energy efficient building code for municipalities, and allowed the Commonwealth to procure an additional 2,400 Megawatts (MW) of clean, reliable offshore wind energy by 2027.</p>		

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Electrical/Plumbing

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Minnesota	7/15/2021	2022 NEC Master Schedule
<p>The Board of Electricity posted the Annual 2022 NEC Master Schedule. The next edition of the NEC is now open for comment.</p> <p>https://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/all-codes-and-standards/list-of-codes-and-standards/detail?code=70&tab=nextedition</p>		
Idaho	7/14/2021	Idaho NEC 2020 Update
<p>The Idaho Electrical Board voted to approve the adoption of the 2020 NEC, which will go into effect on July 1, 2022.</p>		
Wisconsin	7/15/2021	Drafting Plumbing Rule
<p>The Department of Safety and Professional Services is filing a draft Permanent Rule relating to Plumbing and Plumbing Products. Wisconsin's plumbing regulations have not been updated comprehensively since 2009. The objective of the proposed rule is to update the plumbing regulations to ensure public health and safety and ensure Wisconsin buildings are safe and sanitary.</p> <p>This rule revision will update technical requirements for the design, construction, installation, inspection and maintenance of plumbing systems and requirements for ensuring the quality and proper installation of plumbing products. The department in consultation with the Plumbing Code Advisory Committee, will assess the extent to which Wisconsin's plumbing regulations should be revised to align Wisconsin's rules with national standards and best practices for safe plumbing systems. Standards incorporated by reference will be reviewed and updated as needed. The rule revision will ensure Wisconsin rules are consistent with federal regulations. The rules will be reviewed to ensure clarity and ensure consistency with state statutes.</p>		
Michigan	5/18/2021	Plumbing Code Rule
<p>The Michigan Plumbing Code; Administrative Rules Part 7 were filed with the Office of the Great Seal on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 and go into effect on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. The proposed rules incorporate by reference the 2018 edition of the International Plumbing Code (IPC) with Michigan amendments, additions, or deletions published by the International Code Council (ICC).</p>		
Minnesota	7/20/2021	Rulemaking Update
<p>The Plumbing Board will hold a legislation update and an enforcement & licensing update. The board will also hear a Chapter 4714 rulemaking update, and hear a report from the Construction Codes Advisory Council.</p>		

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Michigan	7/15/2021	Mechanical Code Rules in Review
<p>A public hearing was held on August 27, 2020, and the proposed Mechanical Code rules are now in review. The proposed rules incorporate by reference the 2018 edition of the International Mechanical Code (IMC) with Michigan amendments, additions, or deletions published by the International Code Council (ICC). The hearing report was submitted to JCAR on 2/17/2021:</p> <p>https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/2018-2019_Rules_Status_625807_7.pdf.</p>		
Oregon	7/20/2021	2021 Oregon Boiler and Pressure Vessel Specialty Code Hearing
<p>The Building Codes Division will hold a public hearing regarding the Adoption of the 2021 Oregon Boiler and Pressure Vessel Specialty Code on July 20, 2021.</p>		
Oregon	7/28/2021	Approval of 2021 Oregon Residential Reach Code
<p>The Construction Industry Energy Board and Residential and Manufactured Structures Board will hold a joint meeting on July 28, 2021 to make a recommendation to the Administrator on the approval of the 2021 Oregon Residential Reach Code.</p>		
Hawaii	7/20/2021	IBC & IECC Amendment Report
<p>The Council will hear a report on the 2018 IBC and IECC amendment package and possibly vote to approve. The Council will also hear an update on county and state adoption of building codes.</p>		
Virginia	7/1/2021	IPC, IMC, NFPA 70, IFGC, IECC, and IRC Updates
<p>On July 1, the 2018 IPC, 2018 IMC, 2017 NFPA 70, 2018 IFGC, 2018 IECC, and 2018 IRC went into effect in Virginia.</p>		
Texas	6/16/2021	UPC, IPC, IFGC, and IRC Updates
<p>Effective June 16, 2021, Texas updated its code adoption to the 2018 UPC, 2018 IPC, 2018 IFGC, and 2018 IRC.</p>		
Louisiana	7/20/2021	Review and Adoption Process for 2021 I-Codes and 2020 NEC
<p>The Uniform Construction Code Council will hold a discussion on the review and adoption process per SOP for 2021 I-Codes and 2020 NEC. They will also announce members to serve on the 2021 I-Code and 2020 NEC review committees. Further, the Council will hear reports from the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee, Legislation Advisory Committee, and Code Enforcement Committee.</p>		
Florida	8/3/2021	Code Administration TAC Errata Session
<p>The Code Admin TAC will review and consider errata submitted pursuant to section 553.73(8), FS and provide recommendations to the Commission regarding those errata that are needed to correct demonstrated errors in the 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code as applicable.</p> <p>The errata session will include discussions regarding consistency with HB 401.</p>		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
CA	AB 148	Public Resources	Assembly Committee on Budget	Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.	7/15/2021
<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>					
CA	AB 33	Energy storage systems and transportation electrification infrastructure	Phil Ting	Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	7/15/2021
<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	SB 68	Building electrification and electric vehicle charging	Josh Becker	July 14 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.	7/14/2021
<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>					
RI	SB 339	Appliance And Equipment Energy And Water Efficiency Standards Act Of 2021	Sue Sosnowski	Signed by Governor	7/12/2021
<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>					

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State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
NH	SB 15	(New Title) relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code and state fire code.	Sharon Carson	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/24/2021); SJ 20	7/12/2021

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.

The bill provides that the following amendments shall expire as provided in 2019, 250:4:

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.

State Rules & Notices



State Rules & Notices

State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
NY	7/14/2021	Final	New York State Uniform Fire Prevention And Building Code (Uniform Code)

Changes were made within the publication entitled "Uniform Code Provisions for Rail Stations" as follows:

Exception 3 of Section 5.4.2.8 of NFPA 130 as modified by Section 102.3.1.2.9 "Fire Alarm Systems" of the publication was modified to include similar language found in the previous two exceptions. This language included the addition of the text at the beginning of exception 3 to read "Where approved by the fire code official." Additionally, the word "address" was replaced with the word "access" to more accurately identify the type of system used.

The publication date was changed from "March 2021" to "June 2021"