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## Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
Florida	Florida Building Commission TAC (Fire) Meeting	8/2/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Indiana	Indiana Fire Prevention & Building Safety Commission Meeting	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Michigan	Michigan State Plumbing Board Meeting	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Minnesota	Minnesota Rule 1335 Flood Resistant Design TAG Meeting	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Hawaii	Hawaii Electrician and Plumber Board Meeting	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Utah	Utah Unified Code Analysis Council Meeting	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Vermont	Vermont Electrical Licensing Board Meeting	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Florida	Building Commission TAC (Code Administration) Meeting	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Massachusetts	Building Official Certification Committee Meeting	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Alabama	Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board Meeting	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Connecticut	Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board Meeting	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Nevada	Southern Nevada ICC Board Meeting	8/4/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Oregon	Oregon Building Code Structures Board Meeting	8/4/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Utah	Utah Plumbers Licensing Board Meeting	8/4/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Washington	State Building Code Council TAG (Building Code) Meeting	8/4/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Meeting	8/4/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Massachusetts	Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Meeting	8/4/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Utah	Utah Plumbing Advisory Committee Meeting	8/5/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Utah	Utah Structural Advisory Committee Meeting	8/5/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Structural Advisory Committee Meeting	8/5/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Building Code Board of Appeals Meeting	8/5/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
DC	DC TAG (Green and Commercial Energy) Meeting	8/5/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
New Hampshire	New Hampshire State Building Code Review Board Meeting	8/6/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Commercial Building Code Council Meeting	8/9/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>

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### Building

State/Body	Date	Title
<b>Minnesota</b>	8/3/2021	<a href="#">MR 1335 Rule, ACSE 24 Standard</a>
On August 3, the Flood Resistant Design and Construction Group will review existing MR 1335 Rule and amendments in comparison to the proposed ASCE 24 standard.		
<b>North Carolina</b>	9/14/2021	<a href="#">Proposed Rules Public Hearing</a>
On September 14, the North Carolina Building Code Council will hold a public hearing regarding rulemaking proceedings to incorporate changes in the NC State Building Codes. Comments on both the proposed rule and any fiscal impact will be accepted. The proposed rules include an amendment to allow certain projects identified by the local code enforcement agency to be submitted without a Building Code Summary to help simplify the permit application process, an amendment to clarify the application of the term "townhouse" and to clarify the use of rated walls between such dwellings, and an amendment to pull all tiny house related code information out of separate parts of the code and place them in a single location to match the current International Residential Code.		
<b>Massachusetts</b>	8/5/2021	<a href="#">Code Change Proposals and 10th Edition Discussion</a>
On August 5, the Structural Advisory Committee will the 10th Edition of the Massachusetts Building Code based on the 2021 International Code. The Committee will also review the following code proposals: repairs to structural concrete and concrete testing personnel.		
<b>New Hampshire</b>	7/29/2021	<a href="#">Local Amendments/Municipal Ordinances</a>
New Hampshire published NH State Building Code Local Amendments/ Municipal Ordinances per RSA 155-A:V for Durham and Portsmouth.		
<b>Utah</b>	8/3/2021	<a href="#">2021 IBC Review</a>
On August 3, the joint meeting will continue with the review of 2021 IBC, starting with definitions in Chapter 2, 3, and 4, and current amendments for those chapters. The meeting will also continue with the review of 2021 IBC starting with Chapter 12.		

### Fire

State/Body	Date	Title
<b>New Hampshire</b>	7/29/2021	<a href="#">State Fire Code Amendments</a>
New Hampshire posted State Fire Code amendments, which include amendments to NFPA 1, NFPA 101, NFPA 1124, NFPA 30A, and NFPA 31.		

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### Energy

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Illinois	7/29/2021	<a href="#">2021 IECC Update Process</a>
The Capital Development Board (CDB) has begun the process of updating the Illinois Energy Conservation Code by adopting the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code and considering Illinois specific amendments.		
Washington	7/30/2021	<a href="#">Energy Code Proposals</a>
On July 30, the Energy Code TAG will discuss key issues and code proposals related to heat pump water heating, C406 proposals, chapter 5 proposals, and miscellaneous proposals.		
Nevada	7/28/2021	<a href="#">Nevada Adopts 2021 IECC</a>
Effective July 28, 2021, the 2021 IECC is adopted in Nevada. Electric Vehicle Ready Provisions for commercial occupancies and one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses can be found on the website. The addition of the EV Ready Appendices are not formally adopted in Nevada. These appendices have been drafted to assist authorities having jurisdiction with their adoption process. If it is determined, through their adoption process, that amending the published code to incorporate such provisions is warranted, these appendices can be modified to fit the needs of the authority having jurisdiction upon adoption.		
Alabama	8/3/2021	<a href="#">Board to Discuss Code Updates</a>
On August 3, the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board will discuss the plan for code update consideration. Further, the board will discuss electric vehicle infrastructure.		

### Electrical/Plumbing

State/Body	Date	Title
North Carolina	8/2/2021	<a href="#">NC Adopts NEC 2020 with Amendments</a>
On October 1, the NEC 2020 will be effective in North Carolina. The state amendments can be found through the link. As of August 2, there are 32 state amendments: 1. 110.26(E)(2); 2. 210.8; 3. 210.8(A); 4. 210.8(A)(2); 5. 210.8(A)(3); 6. 210.8(A)(5); 7. 210.8(B)(4); 8. 210.8(F); 9. 210.12(D); 10. 210.52(B)(2); 11. 210.52(C)(2); 12. 230.67; 13. 230.71(B); 14. 230.85; 15. 250.50; 16. 250.53(A)(2); 17. 250.140; 18. 250.142(B); 19. 300.3(B); 20. Table 300.5; 21. 300.9; 22. 320.23(A); 23. 334.15(C); 24. 406.4(D)(4); 25. 410.2; 26. 410.16(C); 27. 555.10(3); 28. 555.35(A)(3); 29. 680.4; 30. 680.21(D); 31. 695.2; and 32. 695.3.		
Minnesota	7/29/2021	<a href="#">2020 Minnesota Plumbing Code</a>
Minnesota has published the 2020 Minnesota Plumbing Code, which is based on the 2018 UPC. It will be effective on December 17, 2021.		
Michigan	8/3/2021	<a href="#">2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Status</a>
On August 3, the Michigan State Plumbing Board will discuss the 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code status, as well as the 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code questions update.		

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### Misc.

State/Body	Date	Title
<b>Florida</b>	7/29/2021	<a href="#">8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code Development</a>
Florida has published the Code Review Tracking Charts for the 2021 changes to the international codes for the 8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code (FBC) Code Development.		
<b>California</b>	7/29/2021	<a href="#">15-Day Public Comment Period on Electrical Code</a>
The California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), on behalf of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, is providing notice of code changes intended for the 2022 California Building Standards Code that were the subject of written comments from the initial 45-day public comment period that began on May 28, 2021 and ended on July 12, 2021. CBSC will accept written comments for at least 15 days between July 29, 2021 and August 13, 2021. All written comments must be submitted to CBSC no later than midnight on August 13, 2021.		
<b>New Hampshire</b>	8/6/2021	<a href="#">Public Hearings and Code Update Discussions</a>
On August 6, the NH State Building Code Review Board will hold a public hearing on the 2018 International Plumbing Code, 2018 International Mechanical Code, and 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code. The Board will also present carry forward amendments for IBC, IEBC, IPC, IMC, IECC, SPSC, and IRC. Further, the Board will present the IBC model code, IEBC model code, IECC model code, IRC model code, NEC model code and amendments EL-20-01-21 and EL-20-08-21, and vote to hold public hearings on said codes. The board will also vote on an 8/25/2021 cutoff date for code amendments this update cycle.		
<b>New Hampshire</b>	7/29/2021	<a href="#">Proposed Code Updates</a>
The New Hampshire Proposed Code Updates, along with amendments for each code, can be found on the State Building Code Review Board website. Exhibits submitted to the Board can be seen here: <a href="https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/bldgexhibits.html">https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/bldgexhibits.html</a> .		
<b>Connecticut</b>	7/28/2021	<a href="#">Public Code Change Proposal Presentations</a>
On July 28, the Codes and Standards Committee met to hear public code change proposal presentations, including proposals regarding IPC/IRC (larger PEX piping/hangar spacing), IBC 1703 (special inspections), IEBC 405 (reference ACI 562-19), IBC 1704 (special inspections), IECC (to eliminate CT amendments), IRC (to remove reference to ANCE), IMC (to update referenced standards editions), IRC (to update referenced standards editions), and IBC/IFC (reduced aggress width with sprinklers).		
<b>New Jersey</b>	8/13/2021	<a href="#">UCC to Discuss 2020/2021 Model Code Adoption</a>
On August 13, the NJ Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board will discuss 2020/2021 Model Code Adoption Part 1 (Plumbing Subcode: NSPC 2021 & IPC 2021, Electrical Subcode: NEC 2020, Energy Subcode: IECC 2021 & ASHRAE 90.1-2019, Mechanical Subcode: IMC 2021, and Fuel Gas Subcode: IFGC 2021) and 2020/2021 Model Code Adoption Part 2 (Building Subcode: IBC 2021, Fire Protection Subcode, and One-and Two-Family Dwelling Subcode: IRC 2021 & ISPSC 2021).		

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## Bills with Recent Activity



## Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
MA	<a href="#">HD 3075</a>	An Act supporting solar energy deployment in the Commonwealth	Carolyn Dykema	Senate concurred	7/29/2021
<p>This bill establishes that starting on 1/2/2022, the Division shall implement a solar opportunity zones initiative as a component of the green communities program. The goals of the solar opportunity zones initiative shall be to: (1) identify locations throughout the commonwealth to be designated as preferred areas for siting additional ground-mounted solar photovoltaic electric energy; (2) provide incentives to communities and electric utilities to facilitate greater deployment of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic electric energy in the preferred areas; and (3) minimize land use conflicts between solar deployment and other uses. Solar opportunity zones established through the initiative shall be of sufficient size to enable significant levels of ground-mounted solar development to continue.</p>					
NH	<a href="#">SB 15</a>	(New Title) relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code and state fire code.	Sharon Carson	Signed by the Governor on 07/23/2021; Chapter 0146; Effective 07/23/2021	7/26/2021
<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 Rules & Notices



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State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
FL	8/2/2021	Proposed	Development Of The 8th Edition Of The Florida Fire Prevention Code
<p>The Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal, announced that it is seeking written comments and proposals for Florida specific amendments to the editions of NFPA 1 (2021 edition) and NFPA 101 (2021 edition). The comment period begins August 15, 2021 and ends September 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.</p>			
IA	7/28/2021	Proposed	Administration Of The Boiler And Pressure Vessel Program; Boiler And Pressure Vessel Board Administrative And Regulatory Authority; Boiler And Pressure Vessel Board Petitions For Rule Making; Contested Cases Before The Boiler And Pressure Vessel Board; Declaratory Orders By The Boiler And Pressure Vessel Board; General Requirements For All Objects; Public Records And Fair Information Practices Of The Boiler And Pressure Vessel Board; Steam Heating Boilers, Hot Water Heating Boilers And Hot Water Supply Boilers; Waivers Or Variances From Administrative Rules By The Boiler And Pressure Vessel Board
<p>These proposed amendments update the office address and code references; set forth the requirement to submit petitions for rule making and their disposition to the Administrative Rules Review Committee; set forth the requirement to enter information about waiver petitions and their disposition in the Legislative Services Agency's website; strike references to "variance" and "reinstallation"; align fall protection language with current occupational safety and health standards; eliminate inconsistencies in the use of the phrase "hot water supply boiler"; reduce the time for filing an inspection report from 30 days to 14 days; make extensive changes to the definitions; elaborate on procedures in the event of an imminent danger, on the types of conditions to be included on inspection reports, and on requirements for discharge piping; require that control and safety device reports, which must already be prepared and kept available for inspectors, also be sent to the Division of Labor; require a hydrostatic test and an internal inspection to be performed before a temporary object is put into operation; and adopt new rules concerning repairs, plugging leaky tubes, and the condition and maintenance of equipment rooms.</p>			