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## Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
Arkansas	Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board Meeting	8/10/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Utah	Utah Mechanical Advisory Committee Meeting	8/10/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Florida	Florida Building Commission Meeting	8/10/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Massachusetts	Board of Building Regulation and Standards Meeting	8/10/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
California	California Energy Commission Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Connecticut	Connecticut Code and Standards Committee Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Utah	Utah Uniform Building Code Commission Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Florida	Building Code Administrators & Inspectors Board Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Geotechnical Advisory Committee Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Georgia	Georgia Department of Community Affairs Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Mechanical Licensing Board Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Existing Buildings Advisory Committee Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Washington	State Building Code Council TAG (Fire Code) Meeting	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Michigan	Michigan Electrical Administrative Board Meeting	8/12/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Utah	Utah Electrical Advisory Committee Meeting	8/12/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Florida	Building Code Administrators & Inspectors Board Meeting	8/12/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
New Jersey	Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board Meeting	8/13/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Washington	State Building Code Council TAG (Energy Code) Meeting	8/13/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Florida	Building Code Administrators & Inspectors Board Meeting	8/13/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
Florida	Florida Building Commission Meeting	8/13/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
West Virginia	Fire Commission Legislation and Codes Committee Meeting	8/16/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>

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## Building

State/Body	Date	Title
Florida	8/10/2021	<a href="#">Florida Building Commission Plenary Session</a>
<p>On August 10, the Florida Building Commission will hold a Plenary Session, in which they will have an update on the workplan status for the Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023), host a rule workshop on Rule 61G20-1.001, discuss binding interpretations 207, 214, 217, and hear committee reports from their various committees.</p> <p>They will also discuss new assignments for the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee, which shall be to 1) gather and review all relevant guidelines, statutes, ordinances, standards and model codes related to building recertification requirements, inspection schedules for existing buildings, and procedures for inspecting unsafe buildings; and 2) discuss what role the Florida Building Code could or should have regarding inspections and maintenance of existing high-rise residential buildings and other structures.</p>		
Massachusetts	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Proposed Amendments</a>
<p>On August 11, the Geotechnical Advisory Committee will discuss proposed amendments and new content of 2021 IBC, Chapter 18, for inclusion in the Tenth Edition of the Massachusetts Building Code (780 CMR).</p>		
Tennessee	8/5/2021	<a href="#">Existing Building Code, Seismic Requirements Newsletter</a>
<p>The Tennessee Codes Enforcement Section published a newsletter on Existing Building Code and Seismic Requirements.</p>		
Michigan	10/4/2021	<a href="#">2018 IRC In Effect in October 2021</a>
<p>Michigan's Construction Code - Part 5. Residential Code will go into effect on October 4, 2021. It updates the state adoption of the International Residential Code from the 2015 version to the 2018 version (IRC 2018).</p>		
Massachusetts	8/11/2021	<a href="#">IEBC 2021 Recommendations</a>
<p>On August 11, the Existing Buildings Committee will review and vote on recommendations on the 2021 International Existing Building Code (IEBC 2021).</p>		
Oregon	8/9/2021	<a href="#">OSSC Code Adoption Process</a>
<p>The code adoption process for the 2022 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC), based on the IBC 2021, IEBC 2021, and parts of the IFC 2021 began on July 1, 2021. Code amendment proposal applications are due on August 29. Code review committee meetings are anticipated to start in September.</p>		
Utah	8/11/2021	<a href="#">IRC and IBC Proposed Amendments</a>
<p>On August 11, Utah's Uniform Building Commission will meet to review proposed amendments to the IRC 2015 Section R404 and IBC 2018 Section 1901.3.</p>		

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California	8/11/2021	<a href="#">2022 California Building Code</a>
<p>On August 11, the California Building Commission will discuss the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development's proposal to adopt and amend the 2022 Edition of the California Building Code.</p>		
Wisconsin	8/9/2021	<a href="#">Proposed IMC Adoption</a>
<p>On August 9, the Commercial Building Code Council will discuss SPS Suggested Code Changes - specifically, the 2021 International Mechanical Code (and associated Wisconsin amendments) and SPS 364 (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning).</p>		

### Fire

State/Body	Date	Title
Arizona	8/9/2021	<a href="#">Arizona Files to Update IFC to 2018 Edition</a>
<p>Arizona's Department of Forestry and Fire Management filed a Notice of Rulemaking to amend its rules to adopt the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC 2018) as the minimum State Fire Code in order to better regulate fire hazards in Arizona and be more consistent with minimum national standards.</p> <p>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 establish minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection. Additionally, it will ensure a reasonable level of safety for fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.</p>		
Washington	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Fire TAG to Review Code Change Proposals</a>
<p>On August 11, the Fire TAG will review code change proposal log numbers 21-GP1-50, 21-GP1-59, and 21-GP1-61.</p> <p>21-GP1-50: Certification of service personnel for fire-extinguishing equipment, Pre-engineered kitchen fire extinguishing systems, engineered fire suppression systems, Pre-engineered industrial fire extinguishing system</p> <p>21-GP1-59: Approval, Definitions, Fire Safety and evacuation plan, Assembly points, Group R-2 Occupancies, Group R-2 assisted living and residential care facilities, Group R-4 Occupancies, Crowd Managers, Lockdown plans, lockdown plan contents, Drills, General, Frequency, Employee training program, Emergency lockdown training</p> <p>21-GP1-61: Vehicles</p>		

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### Energy

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California	8/11/2021	<a href="#">2022 California Energy Code</a>
<p>On August 11, the California Energy Commission will discuss the Certification of Final Environmental Impact Report and the Adoption of the 2022 California Energy Code. Proposed Resolution Adopting the 2022 Energy Code: Following 45-day and 15-day public comment periods, the CEC proposes to adopt the 2022 Energy Code with an effective date of January 1, 2023. This includes amendments to Title 24, Part 6, associated administrative regulations in Title 24, Part 1, the Alternative Calculation Methods Approval Manual, and Reference Appendices. The Final Environmental Impact Report can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>		
Washington	8/13/2021	<a href="#">Energy Code Proposed Change - Historic Buildings</a>
<p>On August 13, the Energy Code TAG will discuss a proposed change in code language in the Washington State Energy Code - Commercial Code regarding the definition and application of energy code to historic buildings (21-GP1-102). The proposed modifications apply to sections applicable to historic buildings, and include revisions to the language that align Washington State's energy code with the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).</p>		
California	8/17/2021	<a href="#">CEC to Discuss Facilities and Generators</a>
<p>On August 17, the California Energy Commission will consider and may take action on the following: 1) an order on the process for post-certification petitions for changes in design, operations, or performance of existing facilities; and 2) an order on the process for new emergency and temporary power generators.</p>		

### Electrical/Plumbing

State/Body	Date	Title
Georgia	8/11/2021	<a href="#">Georgia Amendments to 2020 National Electrical Code</a>
<p>On August 11, the Board of Directors of the Department of Community Affairs will discuss approving Georgia amendments to the 2020 National Electrical Code.</p>		
Minnesota	8/9/2021	<a href="#">Proposed Plumbing Code Rule Disapproved</a>
<p>The Plumbing Board submitted proposed rules to the Office of Administrative Hearings for review of its legality on June 25, 2021. The board sought to clarify the 2018 UPC by deleting UPC sections that were inadvertently retained due to renumbering and that conflict with the existing and soon-to-be-effective Minnesota amendments (UPC 2018). The proposed rule was not approved.</p>		
Utah	7/1/2021	<a href="#">Utah Adopts 2020 NEC</a>
<p>Utah's SB 33 was passed to adopt the 2020 edition of the National Electrical Code. NEC 2020 went into effect July 1, 2021.</p>		

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### Misc.

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<b>Florida</b>	8/13/2021	<a href="#">Code Modification Chat Session</a>
<p>On August 13, there will be a Code Modification Chat Session to go over the process for reviewing the 2021 I-Code changes (Posted tracking charts and detail reports), including available resources, and support documentation.</p>		
<b>Maine</b>	8/5/2021	<a href="#">Proposed IBC Update and IMC Adoption</a>
<p>Maine's Division of Building Codes and Standards has published Chapter 3 (IBC) and Chapter 7 (IMC, new rule), both of which are proposed rules. Chapter 3 is being proposed to allow two new industries in Maine to do business in the State. It also has code language adopted by the MUBEC Board allowing small summer cabins to be built without a sprinkler system. Chapter 7 adopts the 2015 IMC, as directed by the Maine State Legislature.</p>		
<b>Massachusetts</b>	8/10/2021	<a href="#">IBC &amp; IRC Changes - Climate Change</a>
<p>On August 10, the Board of Building Regulations and Standards will review and vote on Conservation Law Foundation 2021 IBC &amp; IRC changes to address climate change. The board will also discuss and vote on 10th Edition progress update, specifically in regards to IBC and IRC Chapter 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 28, 31, 32, and 33.</p>		
<b>Arizona</b>	8/5/2021	<a href="#">Arizona License Scope Change</a>
<p>Arizona's Manufactured Housing Division posted a news item announcing License Scope Changes that will go into effect on October 4, 2021. The Board has updated the scope of work for individuals licensed to install manufactured homes, mobile homes, factory built buildings (FBBs), and accessory structures to ensure all the work of installers is covered by the rules contained in the Arizona Administrative Code. The current I-10G licensee population will be vetted for commercial installation experience. Those without commercial experience, and the ability to pass newly implemented testing material for the I-10G license scope, will be converted to an I-10C license effective October 4, 2021.</p>		
<b>Oregon</b>	8/6/2021	<a href="#">2021 Oregon Residential Reach Code</a>
<p>Oregon posted the 2021 Oregon Residential Reach Code, which went into effect on August 6, 2021. The Oregon Residential Reach Code provides an additional choice for builders, consumers and contractors to increase energy efficiency for the construction of detached one- and two-family dwellings/townhouses regulated by the ORSC.</p>		
<b>New Hampshire</b>	8/27/2021	<a href="#">Public Hearing on 2018/2020 Codes</a>
<p>On August 27, the New Hampshire State Building Code Review Board will hold a public hearing on the IBC 2018, IEBC 2018, IRC 2018, NEC 2020, and IECC 2018.</p>		
<b>Utah</b>	8/10/2021	<a href="#">Mechanical Amendments and Review</a>
<p>On August 10, the Mechanical Advisory Committee will review a current amendment for IMC Table 403.3.1.1 and Section 502.20, review a current amendment for IFGC 631.2, start the review of the mechanical and fuel gas portion of the IRC 2021, and start the review of the energy portion of the IRC 2021.</p>		

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## State Rules & Notices



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<b>ME</b>	<b>8/4/2021</b>	<b>Emergency</b>	Maine Uniform Building And Energy Code - Commercial Building Code Of Maine
<p>The 2015 International Building Code has been adopted and in place in Maine since 2018. The proposed changes are updates to the current code to reflect updates to the code that the MUBEC Board felt were needed to allow two new industries in the State to conduct business within the scope of the MUBEC code. The third change was a proposed code change allowing small summer cabins to be built without sprinkler systems. This code change as well as the others were discussed at length at public hearings and debated during MUBEC Board meetings.</p>			
<b>ME</b>	<b>8/4/2021</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	Maine Uniform Building And Energy Code - Mechanical Code
<p>This is a new rule adopting the 2015 IMC (International Mechanical Code) as directed by the Maine State Legislature.</p>			
<b>ME</b>	<b>8/4/2021</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	Maine Uniform Building And Energy Code - Commercial Building Code Of Maine
<p>The proposed changes are updates to the current code to reflect updates to the code that the MUBEC Board follows to allow two new industries in the State to conduct business within the scope of the MUBEC code. The change proposed allows small summer cabins to be built without sprinkler systems.</p>			
<b>FL</b>	<b>8/2/2021</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	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>			