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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
South Carolina	South Carolina Board of Building Codes Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
Delaware	Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
Hawaii	Hawaii Building Code Council Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
California	California Energy Commission Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
Hawaii	Hawaii Subcommittee of Building Officials Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Coastal Subgroup Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
Illinois	Illinois Elevator Safety Review Board Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Rule 1335 Flood Resistant Design TAG Meeting	8/17/2021	Info
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Construction Industries Board Meeting	8/18/2021	Info
Washington	State Building Code Council TAG (Building Code) Meeting	8/18/2021	Info
Indiana	Indiana Elevator Code Committee Meeting	8/18/2021	Info
Ohio	Ohio BBS Residential Construction Advisory Committee	8/18/2021	Info
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	8/19/2021	Info
Maine	Maine Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting	8/19/2021	Info
Oregon	Oregon State Plumbing Board Meeting	8/19/2021	Info
South Carolina	South Carolina Building Codes Council Meeting	8/19/2021	Info
Ohio	Ohio BBS Code Committee Meeting	8/19/2021	Info
New Hampshire	Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board Meeting	8/20/2021	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Building Code Council Meeting	8/20/2021	Info
Ohio	Ohio Board of Building Standards Meeting	8/20/2021	Info

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Building

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Massachusetts	8/17/2021	Coastal Subgroup to review 2021 IBC Code
On August 17, the Massachusetts Coastal Subgroup will discuss and vote on a review of the 2021 International Building Code (IBC 2021), Appendix G, and Chapters 1, 2, 16, and 18 for the 10th Edition Massachusetts State Building Code.		
South Carolina	8/17/2021	Council Discussion
On August 17, the South Carolina Building Codes Council will hear a report from the Code Study Committee and a 2017 Regulatory Review Report.		
Minnesota	8/17/2021	MR 1335 Rule, ACSE 24 Standard
On August 17, the Flood Resistant Design and Construction TAG will review the existing MR 1335 rule and amendments in comparison to the proposed ASCE 24 Standard, specifically in relation to: Utilities and Equipment Criteria, Building Access, and Miscellaneous Construction.		
Washington	8/18/2021	Building Code Change Proposals and HB 1287
On August 18, the Building Code TAG will review remaining code change proposals for IBC 2021 and IEBC 2021 (https://sbcc.wa.gov/2021-ibc-tag-code-change-proposal-log), as well as discuss HB 1287 relating to EV charging infrastructure and decide action.		
Oklahoma	8/17/2021	Proposed Changes to IRC 2018
On August 17, the Oklahoma Uniform Building Commission will hear a presentation by the Residential Fuel Gas, Mechanical, and Plumbing Technical Committee (RFGMP) on proposed changes to the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC 2018). They will then discuss and possibly act to approve the RFGMP presentation to begin writing draft rules.		

Fire

State/Body	Date	Title
West Virginia	7/30/2021	NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 Proposed Update
West Virginia's Fire Commission published a Notice of Agency Approval of a Proposed Rule and Filing with the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee. The rule amends the sunset date, amends the exemption for buildings and structures used for agricultural and agritourism purposes, amends the editions of NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 to a more current edition, adds Appendix A, and makes technical corrections. Specifically, NFPA 1 is updated to the 2021 edition (NFPA 1 2021) and NFPA 101 is also updated to the 2021 edition (NFPA 101 2021).		
Florida	8/16/2021	8th Edition Adoption Proceedings
The Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal, announces that it is seeking written comments and proposals for Florida specific amendments to the edition of NFPA 1 (2021 edition) and NFPA 101 (2021 edition). This comment period ends September 30, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Written comments should be addressed to: John Gatlin, Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention, Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0340.		

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Energy

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Michigan	7/27/2021	Proposed Commercial Code
<p>On July 27, the Michigan Energy Code Compliance Collaborative - Commercial Subcommittee discussed the proposed code of IECC 2021 and the consideration of adding a net zero energy appendix.</p>		

Electrical/Plumbing

State/Body	Date	Title
Indiana	8/12/2021	Indiana Readoption of Electrical Code
<p>Indiana's Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission published their Notice of Intent to Readopt, which readopts rules in anticipation of IC 4-22-2.5-2, providing that an administrative rule expires January 1 of the seventh year after the rule takes effect. Specifically, this rule seeks to readopt the Indiana Electrical Code, 2009 Edition, which adopts the 2008 Edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC 2008/NFPA 70 2008).</p>		
Minnesota	8/12/2021	Plumbing Code Fact Sheet
<p>Minnesota has published a Code Book Fact Sheet regarding their adoption of the 2020 Minnesota Plumbing Code, based on the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC 2018). It states that the 2020 Minnesota Plumbing Code: Regulates the design and installation of plumbing systems statewide for all buildings including new, additions, alterations, repair and replacement; and Contains requirements for drain, waste, and vent systems, water supply and distribution systems, backflow prevention, water conditioning equipment, roof drainage systems, plumbing fixtures, materials and nonpotable rainwater catchment systems.</p>		
Georgia	9/1/2021	NEC 2020 with Georgia Amendments
<p>Georgia has posted the NEC 2020 with Georgia amendments, which will go into effect September 1, 2021. The code references are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Replace all references to the ICC Electrical Code with references to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Electrical Code. Replace all references to the International Energy Conservation Code with references to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code. The Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code shall be used for heating and air conditioning equipment. Replace all references to "Accessibility" with a cross-reference to Title 30, Chapter 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) and the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner. The table titled 'Codes Reference Guide' establishes specific primary and supplementary code applications and is to be applied by the authority having jurisdiction. 		

There are two amendments. They are:

- 1) Revise Section 210.8 (A) Dwelling Units.
- 2) Delete Section 210.8 (F) Outdoor Outlets in its entirety.

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Misc.

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West Virginia	7/30/2021	West Virginia Proposed Code Updates
<p>West Virginia's Fire Commission published a Notice of Agency Approval of a Proposed Rule and Filing with the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee. The rule amends the exemption for buildings and structures used for agricultural and agritourism purposes, amends international code council standards in all categories, and amends the international mechanical and residential code pertaining to new refrigerant requirements for new HVAC systems.</p> <p>Specifically, the rule updates existing West Virginia building codes to adopt the following: 2018 Edition of the International Building Code (IBC 2018); 2018 Edition of the International Plumbing Code (IPC 2018); 2018 Edition of the International Mechanical Code (IMC 2018); 2018 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC 2018); 2018 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code (2018 IPMC); 2015 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code for residential buildings (IECC 2015); ASHRAE 90.1-2013 for commercial buildings; 2018 Edition of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (IRC 2018); 2018 Edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC 2018); 2020 Edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC 2020/NFPA 70 2020); and 2018 Edition of the International Existing Building Code (IEBC 2018). It also clarifies that, whenever referenced in the ICC codes listed above, any reference to the International Fire Code (IFC) should be substituted with the NFPA Life Safety Code 2021 Edition (NFPA 101 2021).</p>		
Hawaii	8/17/2021	2018 I-Code Amendments
<p>Hawaii's State Building Code Council will be holding two meetings on August 17, one for the Council itself and one for the Subcommittee of Building Officials. The Council will hear a report on the 2018 International Building Code (IBC 2018) Amendment Package and possibly vote to approve. The Council will also hear updates from the Investigative Committees for each code.</p> <p>The Subcommittee will discuss a proposed amendment to the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC 2018), Section R202 (General Definitions) related to High-Efficacy Lamps. They may also vote to forward the proposed amendment to the Council. https://ags.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-08-17-agenda-subcommittee.pdf</p>		
Connecticut	8/11/2021	Code Review Presentations
<p>On August 11, the Codes Amendment Subcommittee heard presentations from the 2022 CSBC and CSFC Code Review Work Groups.</p>		
South Carolina	8/19/2021	2021 Modifications
<p>On August 19, the South Carolina Building Codes Council will review 2021 Modifications to the IRC 2021, IBC 2021, IFC 2021, and NEC 2020.</p>		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
PA	HB 1790	An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for consideration of applications and inspections; and, in training and certification of inspectors, providing for corrective action.	Jason Silvis	Referred to Committee on Labor and Industry	Aug 12, 2021

Establishes a uniform construction code; imposing powers and duties on municipalities and the Department of Labor and Industry; providing for enforcement; imposing penalties; and making repeals," in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for consideration of applications and inspections; and, in training and certification of inspectors, providing for corrective action.

State Rules & Notices



State Rules & Notices

State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
FL	8/10/2021	Notice	FL Building Code Adopted
CO	8/11/2021	Proposed	Regulation Number 22 Colorado Greenhouse Gas Reporting And Emission Reduction Requirements

The Florida Building Commission has received the petition for declaratory statement from OFK Ocala LLC. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of section 903.2.11.3, Florida Building Code, Building, 7th Edition (2020), as it applies to the petitioner.

Petitioner wishes to know whether the project described in the petition would qualify as a "townhouse" and be subject to the requirements of the Florida Building Code, Residential, and whether fire sprinklers would be required in the building.

The Commission will consider revisions to Regulation Number 22, Part B to include a new section for Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Management Program for Industrial Manufacturers (GEMM) in Colorado to conduct an audit of their operations every five years to determine whether they are using the best available technologies and the best available energy efficiency practices to reduce GHG emissions. Proposals that direct Energy-Intensive, Trade-Exposed manufacturing sources to reduce emissions in accordance with C.R.S. 25-7-105(1)(e)(XIII)(B) are within the scope of this rulemaking hearing.