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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
MI	Michigan Residential Builders' and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors' Board Meeting	8/31/2021	Info
MD	Maryland Board of Boiler Rules Meeting	8/31/2021	Info
NV	Southern Nevada ICC Board Meeting	9/1/2021	Info
MT	Montana Board of Plumbers Meeting	9/1/2021	Info
WA	TAG (Building Code) Meeting	9/1/2021	Info
OR	Oregon Mechanical Board Meeting	9/1/2021	Info
IL	Illinois Boiler Board Meeting	9/1/2021	Info
MA	General Requirement Code Committee Meeting	9/1/2021	Info
MA	Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Meeting	9/1/2021	Info
NC	North Carolina Residential Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	9/7/2021	Info
MA	Building Official Certification Committee Meeting	9/7/2021	Info
CA	California Energy Commission Meeting	9/8/2021	Info
CT	Connecticut Code and Standards Committee Meeting	9/8/2021	Info
IN	Fire Prevention & Building Safety Commission Meeting	9/8/2021	Info
LA	Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board Meeting	9/8/2021	Info
MA	Geotechnical Advisory Committee Meeting	9/8/2021	Info
IL	Illinois Fire Advisory Commission Meeting	9/9/2021	Info
UT	Utah Electrical Advisory Committee Meeting	9/9/2021	Info
WA	Washington State Building Code Council MVE Meeting	9/9/2021	Info

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Building

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New Jersey	8/16/2021	Proposed Amendments Adopted
<p>New Jersey's Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.6, 2.15, 2.15A, and 2.38 were adopted on August 16, 2021. The proposed amendments do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.6(b)4, proposed amendments specify that hospitality rooms, as defined by the Emergency Shelters for the Homeless rules, N.J.A.C. 5:15, are not considered a change of use under the Uniform Construction Code. 2. At N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(f), proposed amendments address engineering plans for Class 3 structures. 3. At N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15A(b)4i, proposed amendments correct an inconsistency between N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15, Construction permits--application, and 2.15A, Construction permit for a single-family residence. 4. At N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.38(b), proposed amendments reflect the standard operating procedure throughout other Department rules regarding barrier free subcode recreation complaints. 		
Washington	9/1/2021	IBC Proposals
<p>On September 1, the Building Code TAG will discuss the 2021 Group 1 IBC Proposal Log. Subjects of the proposals include guards for occupied roofs, sprinkler systems (NFPA 13R), small occupancies, definition of high-rise buildings, live/work limitations, recyclable materials, compost, solid waste storage, mortar for adhered masonry veneer, transit, secondary attachments, concealed spaces, enclosures over occupied roof areas, EV charging infrastructure, and various other topics.</p>		

Fire

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Washington	8/25/2021	IFC Code Change Proposals
<p>On August 25, the Washington Fire Code TAG will review code change proposals approved from the 6/18/2021 Council meeting, which reference various subjects, including: artificial combustible vegetation, minimum signal strength, system monitoring, installation requirements, sprinkler systems, carbon monoxide detection systems, lithium batteries, fuel oil storage, spray application operations, underground tanks, fire flow, permits, emergency responders, wiring, field testing, signal boosters, fire safety requirements, vehicles, passenger rail systems, and others.</p>		
Massachusetts	9/1/2021	NFPA 1 Discussion
<p>On September 1, the General Requirement Code Committee will hold a review and discussion of staff documents on NFPA 1 2021 Edition.</p>		

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Energy

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Maine	8/26/2021	Maine Adopts Routine Technical Rules
<p>Chapter 1 and Chapter 6 Routine Technical Rules have been adopted by MUBEC.</p> <p>Chapter 1: The change of state statute has made it necessary to change this rule to direct and guide municipalities with their enforcement of the code. It also adds mechanical codes that are critical to the health and safety of buildings and their occupants built in Maine.</p> <p>Chapter 6: This rule adopts the 2015 edition of the IECC (International Energy Conservation Code) as required by Statute. Title 10 § 9722 (6) b. requires that the Technical Codes and Standards Board adopt the most recent edition or edition prior to the most recent edition of codes as listed. This new code will provide for more efficient and healthier buildings within the State of Maine. This rule also adopts the stretch energy code as required by Statute by July 1.</p>		

Misc.

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Florida	9/22/2021	TAC Meetings to Discuss 2021 Code Changes
<p>The Florida Building Commission has posted the September-October 2021 TAC meetings for the 8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code Development. The TACs will meet to review the 2021 changes to the I-Codes and provide recommendations to the commission regarding those changes, as applicable.</p>		
Oregon	9/1/2021	2022 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code
<p>On September 1, the Mechanical Board will discuss the board review and selection of a code review committee for the 2022 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC). They will also discuss board consultation and approval of the proposed permanent rule extending the phased mechanical minor label inspection program.</p>		
Oregon	9/21/2021	Mechanical Minor Labels Phased Program
<p>On September 21, the Building Codes Division will hold a public rulemaking hearing to create, via permanent rule, the mechanical minor labels program. Minor labels allow for some minor work to be completed and inspected using an alternative process to the normal permitting process. Several building code programs have a minor label program, but there is no statewide minor label program for the OMSC or ORSC.</p> <p>This rule will extend the mechanical minor label pilot program in the following jurisdictions: Coos, Deschutes, Jackson, Linn, and Marion Counties, and the Cities of Albany, Central Point, Medford, and Salem. Under this program, contractors in participating jurisdictions may purchase mechanical minor labels to cover certain minor repairs and installations covered by the OMSC and the mechanical provisions of the ORSC. When a contractor uses a mechanical minor label and uploads photographs of the work to the division's mechanical minor label program software system, the inspection will be done remotely.</p>		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
CA	AB 1329	Building codes: earthquakes	Adrin Nazarian	In committee: Held under submission.	8/26/2021
<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>					
CA	SB 68	Building electrification and electric vehicle charging	Josh Becker	From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (August 26).	8/26/2021
<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 33	Energy storage systems and transportation electrification infrastructure	Phil Ting	Read second time. Ordered to third reading.	8/26/2021
<p>This bill would prohibit new public buildings for which construction begins on or after January 1, 2022, to have natural gas connections.</p>					

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State Rules & Notices



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State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
ME	8/25/2021	Final	Maine Uniform Building And Energy Code – Energy Code
<p>This rule adopts the 2015 edition of the IECC (International Energy Conservation Code) as required by Statute. Title 10 §9722(6)b. requires that the Technical Codes and Standards Board adopt the most recent edition or edition prior to the most recent edition of codes as listed. As in any code adoption some requirements are increased to provide for more efficient buildings. The new codes also address ventilation to provide a healthier living environment while providing increased energy efficiency. Some of the main areas of increased requirements are as follows. There is an increase in the insulation required on exterior walls, there are several ways to achieve this requirement that are code compliant, there is a new requirement requiring a blower door test to determine the air infiltration of a structure, along with this the requirement for Air exchanges is reduced from 7 ACH to 3 ACH. There is also a requirement to install an outdoor sensor on hot water boilers to adjust water temperature depending on exterior temperature. And there are increased levels of duct insulation and pipe insulation. Depending on the size of the structure and the design approach to gain compliance the estimate for a simple 1600 sf. structure could range from \$2500-\$5,000. This rule also adopts the Stretch energy code as required by July 1 by the legislature.</p>			
ME	8/25/2021	Final	Maine Uniform Building And Energy Code - Administrative Procedures
<p>Chapter 1 is an administrative chapter that clarifies who needs to enforce the MUBEC, what codes make up the MUBEC. It also establishes the amendment procedure to the code. The rule contains several critical definitions as required by statute to clarify the MUBEC. As directed by the legislature this rule makes previously optional standards part of the code and adds one new code. Currently the rule allows for municipalities to adopt and enforce either the building or energy codes or both, this is not what statute allows and this rule needs to be in effect so that code officials are able to enforce minimum health and safety regulations.</p>			