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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Link
SC	South Carolina Board of Building Codes Meeting	11/16/2021	Info
OK	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Meeting	11/16/2021	Info
DE	Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Meeting	11/16/2021	Info
MA	Massachusetts Coastal Subgroup Meeting	11/16/2021	Info
NC	North Carolina Building Code Council Meeting	11/16/2021	Info
IL	Illinois Energy Code Advisory Council Meeting	11/16/2021	Info
ND	North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting	11/17/2021	Info
OK	Oklahoma Construction Industries Board Meeting	11/17/2021	Info
CO	Colorado State Electrical Board Meeting	11/17/2021	Info
NM	New Mexico Construction Industries Commission Meeting	11/17/2021	Info
HI	Hawaii State Fire Council Meeting	11/17/2021	Info
MA	Fire Prevention and Fire Protection Advisory Committee Meeting	11/17/2021	Info
OH	Ohio State Fire Council Meeting	11/17/2021	Info
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	11/18/2021	Info
ME	Maine Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting	11/18/2021	Info
NJ	New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers	11/18/2021	Info
WI	Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Committee Meeting	11/18/2021	Info
OR	Oregon Electrical and Elevator Board Meeting	11/18/2021	Info
OH	Ohio BBS Code Committee Meeting	11/18/2021	Info
OH	Ohio BBS Code Committee Meeting	11/18/2021	Info
NH	Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board Meeting	11/19/2021	Info
OH	Ohio Board of Building Standards Meeting	11/19/2021	Info
WA	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	11/19/2021	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
Washington	10/21/2021	WSR 21-22-006 (Emergency Rule)
The Building Code Council filed an emergency rule WSR 21-22-006 to reinsert erroneously removed code back into chapter 51-50 WAC specifically addressing elevator car/ambulance stretcher requirements for R-1, R-2 and I occupancies.		
Massachusetts	11/16/2021	IBC Review
On November 16 the Coastal Subgroup will discuss and vote on a review of the 2021 International Building Code, Appendix G, and Chapters 1, 2, 16 and 18 for the 10th Edition Massachusetts State Building Code.		
Oklahoma	11/16/2021	IRC 2018 Modifications
On November 16, the Building Commission will discussion and possibly act to approve the modifications to the ECTC presentation to the IRC® 2018.		

Electrical/Plumbing

State	Date	Title
Wisconsin	11/18/2021	Plumbing Code Changes
The Plumbing Code Advisory Committee will discuss plumbing code changes. Specifically, they will discuss SPS 302 – Fee Schedule & SPS 382 – Design, Construction, Installation, Supervision, Maintenance, and Inspection of Plumbing.		

Misc.

State	Date	Title
Pennsylvania	11/15/2021	Potential 2021 Code Sections for Review
In preparation for the review and adoption of the 2021 International Code Council (ICC) family of codes (IBC, IRC, etc) the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Review & Advisory Council (RAC) is seeking input from the citizens of the Commonwealth regarding potential “additional sections” of the code for evaluation.		
North Carolina	11/11/2021	2017-2021 Approved Amendments
The North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshall published new 2017-2021 approved amendments for the 2018 Administrative Code, 2018 Building Code, 2018 Residential Code, 2018 Energy Conservation Code, 2018 Existing Building Code, 2018 Fire Code, 2018 Fuel Gas Code, 2018 Mechanical Code, 2018 Plumbing Code, and 2017 Electrical Code.		
New Hampshire	11/12/2021	Legislative Status of Code Cycle Discussion
On November 12, the Building Code Review Board will discuss the legislative status of current code cycle, as well as the upcoming code cycle.		

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Fire

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Washington	11/10/2021	Fire TAG State Amendment Discussion
On November 10, the Fire Code TAG discussed Code Language in Section 903.3.1.2 of the State Amendment.		
Hawaii	11/17/2021	NFPA 1 Discussion
On November 17, the State Fire Council will discuss the status of the State Fire Code, including the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 Fire Code 2018 Edition (county adoptions) and NFPA 1 Fire Code 2021 Edition.		
Washington	10/21/2021	WSR 21-22-008 (Emergency Rule)
The Building Code Council filed an emergency rule WSR 21-22-008 to strike amended WAC 51-54A-8200 International Wildland Urban Interface Code, from the International Fire Code and reserve section. The state building code council (SBCC) was notified by local jurisdictions that the mapping, RCW, and WAC did not align to produce an enforceable code. SBCC agreed to delete the state amendment and to add the Wildland Urban Interface Code to the group 2 rule-making process. This would assist local jurisdictions to provide more public comment and allow SBCC to produce a more accurate and enforceable code. SBCC will be moving into rulemaking to make the Wildland Urban Interface Code a standalone code with state amendments.		
Washington	10/21/2021	WSR 21-22-010 (Emergency Rule)
The Building Code Council filed an emergency rule WSR 21-22-010 to amend chapter 51-50 WAC of the International Building Code, regarding Chapter 35 Reference Standards, specifically addressing elevator pit sprinklers.		
The requirement for fire sprinklers in pits of hydraulic elevators is predicated by the amount of debris that is collected in the pit and the potential of an ignition source that could cause a fire. With the advent of hydraulic fluids that are combustible but at flashpoints near 450°F, the lack of ignition sources (cigarette use in buildings has significantly decreased), the reduction of combustible materials found in elevator pits, and the significant reduction nationally in the amount of elevator pit fires, the need for a fire sprinkler in the pit and elevator equipment room [has] been significantly reduced. NFPA 13 has included language in the code commentary that the requirement of sprinklers in the pit needs to be evaluated for benefit compared to the additional cost to install sprinklers, additional detection, and a shunt trip to accommodate shutting off the power to the elevator before fire sprinklers are activated.		
Massachusetts	11/17/2021	IBC Chapter 9
On November 17, the FFPF Committee will discuss and vote on 2021 IBC Chapter 9 for the 10th Edition of 780 CMR.		

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Energy

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US	11/11/2021	Building Energy Codes Report
<p>The U.S. Department of Energy published a new report entitled, "Building Energy Codes and Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings." It covers how building energy codes can enable a more dynamic and energy efficient built environment.</p>		
Ohio	11/18/2021	Commercial Energy Code Discussion
<p>On November 18, the Code Committee will discuss a Commercial Energy Code update and a Code Review update.</p>		
Washington	10/20/2021	WSR 21-22-002 (Emergency Rule)
<p>The Building Code Council filed an emergency rule WSR 21-22-002 to modify requirements in WAC 51-11R-40310 to temporarily rescind the prohibition for gas fireplaces with continuously burning pilot lights. The state building code council was notified by the industry that because of the current global microchip shortage, they are not able to meet this new requirement in the energy code. After the initial 120 emergency rule, the industry was still unable to supply the required controls and asked that the council enter into rulemaking to allow a year extension before the requirements become effective. On September 28, 2021, the state building code council began the permanent rule-making process for the effective date extension. See WSR 21-20-057. The emergency rule is being extended until the adoption of this permanent rule.</p>		
Washington	10/21/2021	WSR 21-22-014 (Emergency Rule)
<p>The Building Code Council filed an emergency rule WSR 21-22-014 to modify requirements in chapter 51-11R WAC to allow the partial installation of heat pumps to receive the credit allotted under Table C406.3 during the current lack of compressors and/or parts. The state building code council was notified by the industry that because of the current global microchip shortage, they are not able to obtain the outdoor portion of residential heat pumps. Because the equipment is [a] frequently installed component to achieving the required energy credits in the residential energy code, there is a concern that projects already permitted and in construction will not be able to obtain a certificate of occupancy, which in turn can also affect the financing. This emergency rule is being adopted to specify that homes can still receive the certificate of occupancy and the required energy credits while still waiting on installation of the outdoor compressor unit.</p>		

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State Rules & Notices



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State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
FL	11/9/2021	Final	Design Of Plumbing Systems
<p>The proposed rule provides that the Plumbing System(s) shall be based on and shall reference the Florida Building Code, the Florida Fire Prevention Code, applicable standards (such as ASHRAE, ASME, ASPE, ASSE, ANSI, NFPA, etc.); or on if no other such standards are available alternative engineering sources and good engineering practice.</p>			
FL	11/9/2021	Final	Design Of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, And Refrigeration Systems
<p>This proposed rule provides that the HVAC System(s) shall be based on and shall reference the Florida Building Code, the Florida Fire Prevention Code, any other applicable standards (such as ASHRAE, NFPA, ASME, ANSI, etc.); or if no other such standards are available on alternative engineering sources and good engineering practice.</p>			
ME	11/10/2021	Final	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. These 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>			
NM	11/9/2021	Proposed	New Sustainable Building Tax Credit For Commercial Building; New Sustainable Building Tax Credit For Residential Buildings
<p>In 2021, the Legislature passed amendments to the sustainable building tax credit in the Income Tax Act and the Corporate and Franchise Tax Act. The amendments to each act require EMNRD to promulgate rules that are compliant with the amendments.</p> <p>3.3.34 NMAC, 2015 Sustainable Building Tax Credit for Residential Buildings. EMNRD proposes to consolidate the residential and commercial building rules into one rule and reflect the tax credit ends on April 1, 2023, as provided in the statute.</p> <p>3.4.21 NMAC, 2015 Sustainable Building Tax Credit for Residential Buildings. EMNRD proposes to consolidate the residential and commercial building rules into one rule, and reflect the tax credit ends on April 1, 2023, as provided in the statute.</p>			