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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Link
MN	Minnesota Building Code Series 1 TAG Meeting	11/23/2021	Info
NC	North Carolina Building/Fire Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	11/23/2021	Info
IL	Energy Conservation Advisory Council (Commercial) Meeting	11/23/2021	Info
NC	North Carolina Plumbing Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	11/29/2021	Info
LA	Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council Meeting	11/29/2021	Info
NC	North Carolina Mechanical Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	11/30/2021	Info
NC	North Carolina Fuel Gas Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	11/30/2021	Info
LA	Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council Meeting	11/30/2021	Info
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FL	Florida Building Code Administrators & Inspectors Board Meeting	12/1/2021	Info
MI	Michigan Board of Mechanical Rules Meeting	12/1/2021	Info
NV	Southern Nevada ICC Board Meeting	12/1/2021	Info
OR	Oregon Mechanical Board Meeting	12/1/2021	Info
UT	Utah Plumbers Licensing Board Meeting	12/1/2021	Info
LA	Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council Meeting	12/1/2021	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
Massachusetts	11/17/2021	2021 IBC Chapter 18 Discussion
<p>On November 17, the Geotechnical Advisory Committee will review and vote on proposed amendments and new content of 2021 IBC, Chapter 18, for inclusion in the Tenth Edition of the Massachusetts Building Code (780 CMR).</p>		
California	11/19/2021	Notice of 15-Day Public Comment Period: November 19, 2021 - December 3, 2021
<p>The California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), on behalf of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, is providing notice of code changes intended for the 2022 California Building Standards Code that were the subject of written comments from the Health Facilities (HF) 45-day public comment periods that began on September 24, 2021 and ended on November 8, 2021.</p> <p>CBSC will accept written comments for at least 15 days between November 19, 2021 and December 3, 2021. All written comments must be submitted to CBSC no later than midnight on December 3, 2021.</p>		

Fire

State	Date	Title
Maine	11/18/2021	Routine Technical Rules Adopted: NFPA 1
<p>Maine published that they have adopted routine technical rules from Chapter 3, Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code - Commercial Building Code of Maine. This chapter establishes the Commercial Building Code component of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code "MUBEC." The provisions of this chapter are based on a nationally recognized model building code published by the International Code Council, Inc., and is made part of the MUBEC through incorporation by reference. This chapter also contains requirements for the enforcement of the Commercial Building code by local building officials in municipalities with a population of more than 4,000 residents. It adopts NFPA 1, 2018 edition.</p>		
Oregon	12/7/2021	Fire Hardening Grant Program
<p>On December 7, the Building Codes Division will discuss the fire hardening grant program. The program will provide grant funds to assist people who are rebuilding homes or businesses that were damaged or destroyed in the 2020 wildfires. The grants will be used to incentivize specified improvements that will make the rebuilt structure more resistant to damage from wildfires in the future. In addition to offering protection to the structure, these improvements can help to mitigate the spread of wildfire.</p>		

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Energy

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Illinois	11/23/2021	Proposed Amendments
<p>On November 23, the Energy Conservation Advisory Council Commercial Subcommittee will discuss proposed amendments, including those related to continuous insulation, thermal bridges, air leakage, fenestration orientation, renewable energy certificates, lighting, electric infrastructure, low energy buildings and greenhouses, and energy storage infrastructure.</p>		
California	12/1/2021	2022 Energy Code
<p>On August 11, 2021, the CEC adopted the 2022 Energy Code which will be presented to the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) for approval into the California Building Standards Code in December 2021. If approved, the 2022 Energy Code will go into effect on January 1, 2023.</p>		
New York	12/3/2021	Local Energy Code Filings
<p>On December 3, the Fire Prevention and Building Code Council will discuss more restrictive energy code filings from various localities. They will also discuss other more restrictive local standards and energy code filings.</p>		

Misc.

State	Date	Title
Montana	12/8/2021	Proposed Amendments
<p>On December 8, the Building Codes Council will present and consider proposed administrative rule amendments for adoption of new versions of the building codes. They cover the adoption of the 2021 I-Codes.</p>		
Florida	12/14/2021	8th Edition Code Reviews
<p>On the December 14-15 meeting of the Florida Building Commission, the Commission will discuss an update of the Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023) relating to the workplan status, as well as Energy Compliance Software Submittals and Updates for Compliance with the Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020) (Energy Conservation). The Commission will also hold a Rule Workshop for Rule 61G20-1.001: TAC's Recommendations Regarding the Review of the 2021 I-Code Changes for the Update to the Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023).</p>		
Louisiana	11/30/2021	Upcoming 2021 I-Codes and 2020 NEC Meetings
<p>Louisiana's Uniform Construction Code Council has scheduled meetings to discuss the 2021 I-Codes and 2020 NEC. On November 29, there will be a 2021 IBC/IEBC Review Committee meeting to review and consider amendments to the 2021 IBC and 2021 IEBC. On November 30, there will be a 2021 IPC/IMC/IFGC Review Committee meeting to review and consider amendments to the 2021 IPC, 2021 IMC, and 2021 IFGC. On the same day in the afternoon, there will be a 2021 IRC Committee meeting to review and consider amendments to the 2021 IRC. Finally, on December 1, there will be a 2020 NEC Review Committee meeting to review and consider amendments to the 2020 NEC.</p>		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
FL	HB 491	Energy	Kelly Skidmore	Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee	11/19/2021
Revises & creates various provisions relating to farm renewable energy production tax credit, statewide emergency shelter plan, lease of manmade stormwater management systems for floating solar energy systems, energy efficiency of state buildings, statewide policy for renewable energy resource & efficiency, Residential Energy Efficiency Upgrades Program, greenhouse gas reduction, registry, & inventory, Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Program, Farm Renewable & Efficiency Demonstrations Program, & solar consumer protections.					
US	HR 4350	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022	Adam Smith	S.Amdt.3867 Cloture motion on amendment SA 3867, as modified, presented in Senate.	11/19/2021
This bill provides for Sec. 2861. A Pilot program on increased use of mass timber in military construction. The program provides that each Secretary of a military department shall conduct a pilot program to evaluate the effect that the use of mass timber as the primary construction material in military construction may have on the environmental sustainability, infrastructure resilience, cost effectiveness, and construction timeliness of military construction.					
NY	A 8431	All-Electric Building Act	Emily Gallagher	REFERRED TO GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS	11/17/2021
Enacts the "all-electric building act"; provides that no city, town or village shall issue a permit for the construction of new buildings that are not an all-electric building if the initial application for a permit was submitted after December 31, 2023 unless certain circumstances apply.					

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State Rules & Notices



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State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
IN	11/17/2021	Notice	Written Interpretation of the State Building Commissioner Interpretation #: CEB-2021-39-2012 IPC-305.6.1
<p>The first requirement is that waterlines shall not be installed outside of a building, or in other environments subject to freezing temperatures unless measures are taken to ensure the lines will not freeze. The section specifies three methods of preventing such freezing, and while it does not specifically open the possibility of additional methods being used, research into the commission's intent in adopting the regulation has not indicated that they wished to limit preventative measures to only those listed in the text. The intent in adopting the regulation is simply to prevent freezing water supply lines and the damage they cause. Standard design and construction practices in structures that are unoccupied and unconditioned in winter is not to provide a constant heat source, but rather to "winterize" the structure's systems, a process that includes a complete draining of all water supply lines, fixtures, and fittings.</p> <p>The second requirement is that no waterlines are allowed to be concealed in outside walls above grade. This requirement is intended to apply to the exterior walls of buildings, where concealed lines would be subject to freezing even when the interior of the structure is conditioned. It is not a blanket prohibition on the installation of water lines in walls that are constructed completely outside the building's boundaries.</p>			
OH	11/16/2021	Proposed	Rates, Terms, And Conditions For Poles, Ducts, And Conduits
<p>Establishes the parameters for the tariff approval and suspension process for the rates, terms and conditions for access to poles, ducts, conduits or rights-of-way.</p>			