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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Florida	Florida Building Commission Emergency Meeting	12/28/2023	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Residential Energy Code TAG Meeting	1/2/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Existing Building Working Group	1/8/2024	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board Of Appeal and Review Meeting	1/9/2024	Info
North Dakota	North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting	1/10/2024	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council Meeting	1/10/2024	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Mechanical Safety and Licensing Board Meeting	1/10/2024	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Building Code Standards Committee Meeting	1/11/2024	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	1/12/2024	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Residential Energy Code TAG Meeting	1/16/2024	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Board of Fire Control Meeting	1/17/2024	Info
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	1/18/2024	Info
Iowa	Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board Meeting	1/24/2024	Info
California	California Energy Commission Business Meeting	1/24/2024	Info
Idaho	Idaho Electrical Board Meeting	1/24/2024	Info
North Dakota	North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting	1/24/2024	Info
South Dakota	South Dakota Plumbing Commission Meeting	1/25/2024	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
North Carolina	12/19/2023	NC Building Code Council Proposes Amendments and Public Hearing for Building Codes, Including Sheathing Inspections in High Wind Zones <p>The North Carolina Building Code Council is proposing amendments to various building codes to incorporate changes and address rulemaking petitions. A public hearing will be held on March 18, 2024, to accept comments on the proposed rules and any fiscal impacts. One proposed amendment is to require sheathing inspections for structures in high wind zones, despite previous limitations on such inspections.</p>
Florida	12/28/2023	Florida Building Commission to hold Emergency Meeting to Consider Delaying Key Plumbing Code Implementation <p>The Florida Building Commission has called an emergency meeting on 12/28 to determine whether to engage in emergency rulemaking to delay the implementation of provisions of the forthcoming Florida Building Code, Plumbing, 8th Edition (2023), pertaining to the rehabilitation of building sewer piping and sewer service lateral piping.</p>

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Energy

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Minnesota	1/2/2024	Minnesota Residential Energy TAG to Review Proposed Changes in 2021 IECC's Residential Provisions: Focus on Electric Readiness, Energy Storage, EV Charging, Solar Readiness, and Duct Insulation
The Minnesota Residential Energy TAG will discuss residential provisions of the 2021 IECC, focusing on proposed code changes for electric readiness, energy storage, EV charging, solar readiness, and duct insulation. They aim to evaluate these changes, explore relevant code sections, and begin reviewing Chapter 5 of the IECC.		

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Electrical/Plumbing

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Oklahoma	12/12/2023	OUBCC Initiates Adoption of 2023 National Electrical Code & Updates Residential Code References in State Regulations
At their December 12, 2023 meeting, the OUBCC voted to start the process of adopting the 2023 National Electrical Code. This move also includes updating the NEC edition across other state adopted codes. Additionally, the OUBCC aims to revise the edition references to the previously adopted 2018 International Residential Code within the 'Referenced Standards' sections across various codes.		

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State Rules & Notices



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State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
VA	12/18/2023	Final	Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations
<p>This provides that the Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR) oversee offsite construction of modular buildings, aligning construction standards with the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (13VAC5-63). Updated every three years, the regulations incorporate new model codes via the Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD), inviting stakeholder proposals. Workgroup meetings, public input, and an online platform streamline proposal submission. BHCD holds public hearings, reviews proposals, and integrates approved changes into the regulation. Notable amendments include clarifications on building approvals, reporting violations, and referencing updated international standards. A minor change involves updating the International Code Council's physical address.</p>			
VA	12/18/2023	Final	Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code
<p>The proposed amendments to the USBC encompass a comprehensive range of changes across multiple sections. They aim to bring clarity and specificity to regulations governing children's play structures, distinguishing them from typical playground equipment found in public areas. Additionally, the amendments outline how fees collected should solely support local building department functions and expand exemptions while introducing online permit application options. A notable provision includes a mechanism allowing the proactive cancellation of building permits. These changes also align definitions across various codes, update energy conservation-related provisions, and introduce regulations for specific equipment and materials. Integration between the VCC and the International Fire Code is emphasized, particularly concerning safety systems and specific facility requirements. Furthermore, adjustments to occupancy rules, fire safety measures, emergency systems, and structural considerations are proposed. Technical refinements encompass revisions to standards, ventilation, refrigeration, and building materials. Non-substantive changes include corrections, additions of standards, signage sections, and updating contact information. Overall, these amendments seek to enhance clarity, improve regulation compliance, and ensure safety in building construction and maintenance across Virginia.</p>			