



Building Standards and Codes

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT NYS Uniform Code and Energy Code Update

On March 9, 2016, the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council completed major updates to the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (Uniform Code) and State Energy Conservation Construction Code (Energy Code). The Uniform Code update incorporates the following documents by reference:

- 2015 International Building Code
- 2015 International Residential Code
- 2015 International Existing Building Code
- 2015 International Fire Code
- 2015 International Plumbing Code
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2015 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2015 International Property Maintenance Code
- 2016 Uniform Code Supplement

The Energy Code incorporates the following documents by reference:

- 2015 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2013 ASHRAE 90.1
- 2016 Energy Code Supplement

Effective Date

A Notice of Adoption for the Uniform Code and Energy Code update will be published in the April 6, 2016 edition of the State Register, establishing the following implementation schedule:

Uniform Code Transition Period - beginning on April 6th, regulated parties submitting a complete building permit application may comply with either the current Uniform Code or newly adopted Uniform Code as described above. The transition period will last from April 6, 2016 until October 3, 2016. On October 3rd, the newly adopted Uniform Code will become fully effective.

Energy Code Effective Date - On October 3, 2016, the newly adopted Energy Code as described above will become formally effective. There is no transition period for the Energy Code.

Code Books

Local municipalities that submit their annual Code Enforcement and Administration report to the Division of Building Standards and Codes will receive copies of the newly adopted Uniform Code and Energy Code books.

In addition to code books, municipalities will receive a one year electronic subscription to the newly adopted codes and a one year Governmental Membership to the International Code Council.

Copies of the 2015 International Codes and many other incorporated standards can be purchased from the International Code Council at www.iccsafe.org, or call (888) 422-7233. The 2016 Uniform Code and Energy Code Supplements will be available to download from our website (www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA).

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