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## **Eight more states adopt building safety code, 46 states now use the I-Codes**

Indiana has a new state building code. So does Minnesota, West Virginia, New Jersey, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming. Those eight states adopted new building safety codes created by the International Code Council.

Nationwide, 46 states have adopted one or more of the International Codes at the state or jurisdictional level. The District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Federal agencies also are enforcing one or more of the International Codes.

“Across the country, states are adopting and enforcing International Codes,” said Sara C. Yerkes, Vice President of Public Policy at the ICC. “The adoptions are a validation that the I-Codes, already the most widely adopted codes in the nation, continue to be the first choice to ensure public safety at home, at school and at work.”

Indiana adopted the 2000 International Building Code, the International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code and International Mechanical Code effective May 21.

Minnesota now enforces the 2000 IBC, IFC and International Residential Code, effective March 31.

New Jersey gave formal notice of final action in the May 5 New Jersey Register adopting the 2000 IBC and IRC, effective immediately.

Tennessee approved the IBC and IFC for local adoption throughout the state for exempt jurisdictions, as defined by state law, effective April 24.

Virginia approved adoption of the 2000 IBC, IFC and IRC on April 7 (pending final signature by the attorney general).

Washington adopted the IBC, IRC, IFC and IMC (with IFGC adopted by reference) on May 14. The statute becomes effective 90 days later.

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## Code Adoptions/Add One

West Virginia adopted the 2000 IBC, IRC, IMC, International Plumbing Code, IFGC, International Energy Conservation Code, International Property Maintenance Code (optional), the 1998 ICC/ANSI A117.1 Standard, and the 2003 International Existing Building Code, effective April 1.

Wyoming adopted the IBC, IFC, IMC and IFGC, effective July 1.

A ninth state, Kansas addressed energy conservation by adopting the IECC on April 30, effective July 1.

“These latest adoptions of the I-Codes indicate that the code enforcement community supports the construction industry’s call for a single set of codes to be used nationwide to regulate building safety and fire prevention,” said Yerkes. “The construction industry welcomes the adoptions because it makes building requirements less complicated without compromising safety, and offers economic benefits.”

The ICC, a 50,000-member association dedicated to building safety, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. The majority of U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose building safety and fire prevention codes developed by the ICC.

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