



## **ICC Policies, Procedures and Guidelines (PPGs)**

### **PPG 9**

**Date: Date of Consolidation**

**Subject: Policy on Amendments to ICC Codes and Standards**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to outline the staff's position on governmental amendments to ICC's Codes or Standards.

**Policy:** It is the position of the ICC staff to advocate for the un-amended adoption of the ICC Family of Codes and Standards. Staff encourages jurisdictional authorities (JAs) to work through the ICC code development process to effect changes to the I-Codes that address their needs. The goal is to advocate for the strong level of safety provided by the ICodes and to encourage JAs to work within the ICC process to develop requirements that reflect our mission. There are numerous benefits to this approach, including what jurisdictions learn from each other through interaction in the code development process; savings to the jurisdictions in terms of time and money and finally keeping the I-Codes on the leading edge of building science which strengthen all communities.

The Code Council recognizes the sovereign right of some JAs to amend the ICodes. ICC respects the JAs desire to address specific geographic or climatic needs, for example. The ICC does not, as a matter of routine, take an active position in amendments to the I-Codes. During the adoption process, Code Council staff serves in a supporting role. Staff provides and assists JAs with rationale for existing code provisions, assists in identifying potential conflicts with correlation of regulations, assists with interpretations, code comparisons and supports technical committees chartered to review the I-Codes. The ICC may provide technical support on proposed amendments to the I-Codes when requested by the JA.

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