



**INTERNATIONAL
CODE COUNCIL®**

People Helping People Build a Safer World™

International Code Council – *Keeping America Safe and Sustainable*



PROTECTING PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES AND BUILDINGS

In the United States, laws governing building construction, building performance, zoning and the impacts of the built environment are largely created and enforced at the state and local level. These building codes and standards are developed by the private sector with input from both public and private entities. The federal role is limited to supporting research for standards that are included in codes, or generating data or policy that influences codes, such as issues relating to energy conservation. This decades old process has led to the U.S. having the safest and most affordable building regulatory system in the world.

Both public and private expertise in building safety and sustainability positively impact state and local jurisdictions across the nation by being presented in model codes developed by the International Code Council (ICC). These codes are adapted, adopted and enforced by state and local jurisdictions as well as by various federal agencies. The development of model codes is ideally a public/private partnership where consensus and transparency allow for all points of view to produce enforceable language that ensures the goals of safety and sustainability are achieved. ICC's activities include interaction with building owners and designers, industry representatives, citizen organizations, and the public at large.

THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

The ICC is a not for profit company composed of members who represent federal, state and local governmental jurisdictions, as well as individual members from the public, private and corporate sectors. ICC membership includes large numbers of the local building code officials and fire marshals who are charged with the responsibility of making sure our buildings are safe. The ICC develops model codes and standards that address commercial and residential building safety and sustainability, fire safety, energy conservation, plumbing/mechanical/fuel gas issues, existing buildings, and swimming pool and spa safety. The ICC also trains our nation's builders and fire and code officials about these codes to ensure effective compliance is achieved.

BUILDING CODES – SAFE, SUSTAINABLE, STATE OF THE ART

The ICC maintains a comprehensive and coordinated set of building safety codes called the International Codes® or 'I-Codes'. These codes contain the latest disaster-resistant, seismic, flood and wind provisions, including state of the art techniques and procedures with modern materials that make buildings more efficient while still affordable. The ICC's *International Building Code*® (IBC®) regulates the design and construction of commercial buildings, while the *International Residential Code*® (IRC®) focuses on homes. The International Codes also include provisions that promote energy conservation and sustainability.

ENERGY EFFICIENT AND GREEN CONSTRUCTION

The ICC's *International Energy Conservation Code*® (IECC®) and *International Green Construction Code*® (IGCC®) are key to protecting our environment and allowing us to become a more energy efficient nation.

The IECC sets minimum requirements for energy-efficient design and construction for new and renovated buildings, and it tracks with the Administration's goals of carbon neutrality by 2030. It also serves as the basis for federal tax credits for energy-efficient homes and energy efficiency standards for federal residential buildings and manufactured housing.

The IGCC is the nation's first green/sustainable commercial model building code. The IGCC regulates energy use, water use, material and resource use, indoor environment quality, and building impacts on the environment such as greenhouse gas emissions, site design, sustainability owner/facility management education, and existing buildings.

Both the IECC and IGCC are integrated and coordinated with the overall building codes developed by ICC, which govern the design and construction of buildings and are available for adoption and use by state and local jurisdictions.

KEEPING CODES UP TO DATE

The development of the model codes involves participation from the public and private sectors, resulting in updated codes every three years. The development process includes the submittal of proposed code changes, technical committee review, an initial hearing and a final action hearing with voting limited to governmental officials only, who have no vested interest except for public safety. The hearings are open to the public and free of charge. Testimony can be presented by any interested party. The hearings are also webcast live.

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP – A WINNING TEAM

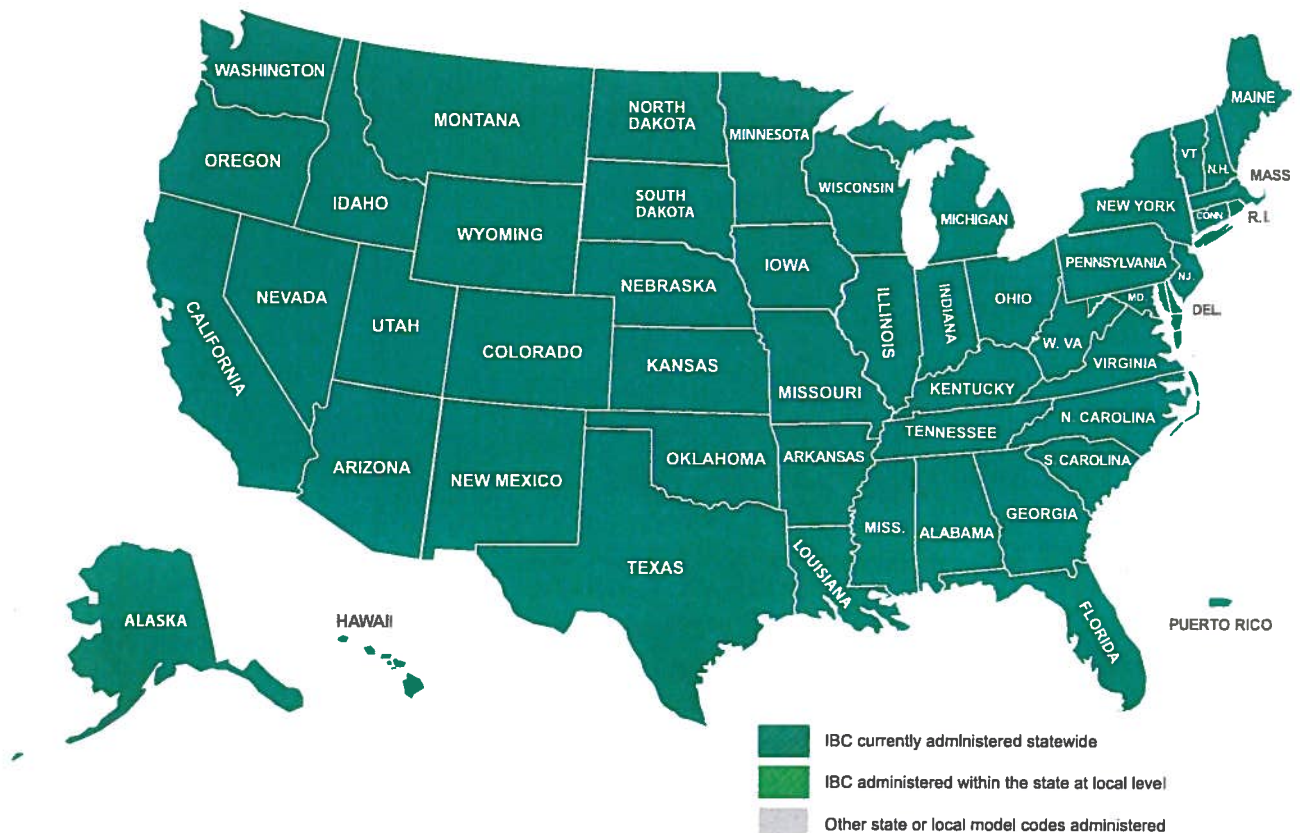
Although the model codes that form the basis for the safety codes in the nation are developed by the private sector, they are adopted and administered by state and local jurisdictions, as well as by federal agencies. This partnership allows the U.S. to have the safest and most affordable buildings in the world, which is achieved through a transparent and consensus process that includes all relevant stakeholders, regulators, engineers, architects, building owners and designers, product representatives, citizen organizations and the public at large.

WIDESPREAD USE

U.S. federal agencies, all 50 states, and a growing number of foreign governments enforce all or most of the ICC's model codes. The 'I-Codes' become law, either as originally written or as amended, when jurisdictions take either legislative or executive action toward adoption. Building codes have a great impact on the quality of construction and how structures can endure natural disasters.

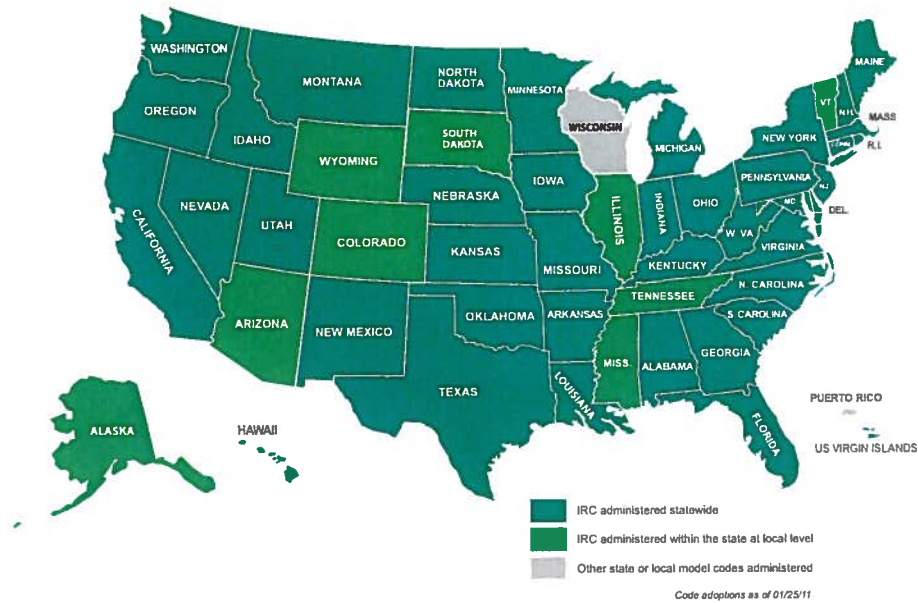
INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE ADOPTION MAP

The IBC is in use or adopted in 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, NYC, Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands.



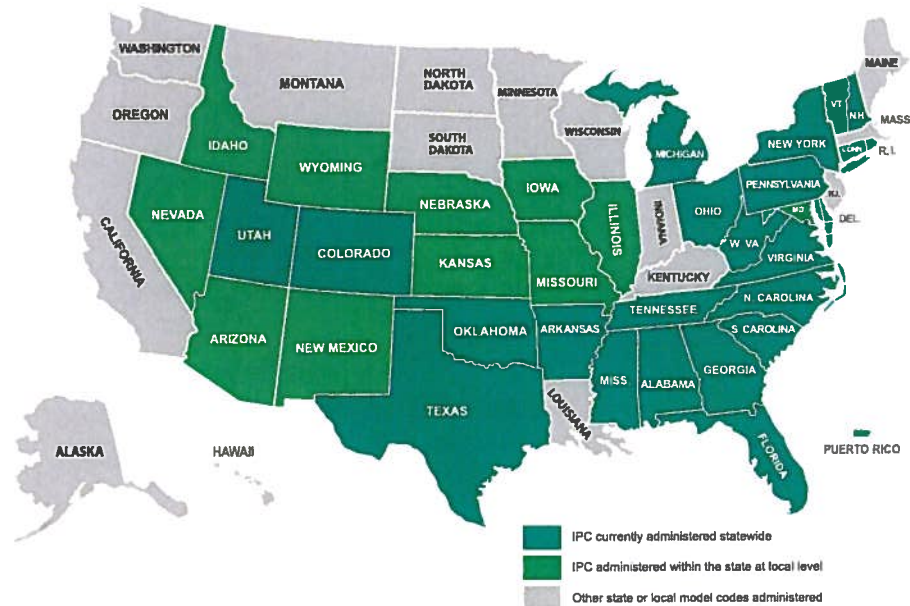
INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE ADOPTION MAP

The IRC is in use or adopted in 49 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands



INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE ADOPTION MAP

The International Plumbing Code is used at state or local level in 34 states & Washington, DC.



JOIN US IN KEEPING AMERICA SAFE

The United States has some of the safest homes and buildings in the world because our cities, counties, states and federal agencies have chosen to adopt and enforce building and fire codes developed by the ICC. Join us and our partners in helping to keep our citizens safe by continuing to support the codes and initiatives of the ICC.

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