International Code Council Government Relations Update – February 2015

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FREE Registration Now Open for 2015 Committee Action Hearings

This year's Committee Action Hearings, from April 19 – 30 in Memphis, TN, offer ICC Members and all concerned with building safety the opportunity to discuss and debate various code change proposals to the Group A 2018 International Codes. Whether you attend the hearings in person or participate online through cdpACCESS, you help to ensure the next generation of codes includes the latest technical and scientific advancements to benefit public safety. For more information about the hearings and the codes that will be discussed, and to register for FREE, click here: https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=12038&ItemID=46216 .

Important Date for Code Development Voter Validation

With the Code Development Cycle to develop the 2018 I-Codes Group A Codes underway, there is an important date to be aware of in order to vote on code changes: March 20. Jurisdictions must be an ICC Member by March 20, 2015, to be eligible to vote during this cycle, and Primary Representatives must validate Governmental Member Voting Representatives by that date to be eligible to participate in the Online Assembly Floor Motion vote that will follow the Committee Action Hearing. Click here to validate: https://av.iccsafe.org/eweb/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=OrgVoterReg&Site=icc

New ICC Program Offers Expanded Training Options

ICC's Preferred Provider Program creates an easily accessible network of extensive training opportunities with curricula that have been officially approved by ICC. Learners will benefit from relevant educational programs, expanded topics, and access to educational offerings both onsite and online. Check out the Preferred Provider page here: http://ppp.iccsafe.org/ Chapters are strongly encouraged to become Preferred Providers!

Department of Energy Releases Report on Cost of Energy Code Enforcement

Researchers at the Department of Energy's Berkeley National Laboratory have discovered that: "This study found that the incremental cost of enforcing energy codes (compared to the cost of already-existing enforcement of other building codes) using a traditional review and inspection process (exclusive of overhead and travel) is typically $50 or less per home, but may range up to nearly $200, for residential energy codes; and $60 to $145 per building, but may range up to around $1,000, for commercial energy codes". To read the full report, click here: http://eetd.lbl.gov/sites/all/files/energy_code_enforcement_cost_phase_2_final_report_101414_clean-1.pdf

Just Arrived - International Solar Energy Provisions

With interest in solar energy systems increasing, the need for a clear understanding of how the code applies to solar installations has become vital for today's code official and the solar industry. The I-Codes have long addressed solar thermal and photovoltaic systems, and the 2015 codes have been improved to provide even greater safety for owners/operators, first responders, and the general public. The new International Solar Energy Provisions (ISEP) brings together all code provisions relating to solar systems into one easy-to-use document. It will also include three important reference standards for solar thermal systems from the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC).

This is not a new code. It is a quick and easy way to access the comprehensive provisions related to solar energy systems in the I-Codes your jurisdictions may have already adopted. The ISEP will be available in electronic form on the ICC Bookstore in February. Soft-cover versions are available for pre-order now, and are estimated to ship on March 5, 2015. Early-bird pricing discounts apply until March 31, 2015. See the ICC Bookstore at http://shop.iccsafe.org/catalog/product/view/id/43202/s/2015-international-solar-energy-provisionsr/ or contact Shawn Martin (smartin@iccsafe.org) for more information.

For the Best Prices on International Codes and More, Make Sure Your ICC Membership is Current

You've probably heard that on January 1, Maryland began compliance to the 2015 International Building Code, International Residential Code, and International Energy Conservation Code. To stay up to date on the new codes and keep pace with the latest innovations, you may need to purchase new Codes, commentaries, educational materials, and ICC online campus courses. Why not get the best prices on the resources you need? Reinstate your ICC Membership today! No other building safety code association has as many I-Code resources and career-building training opportunities available to its Members as ICC.

An affordable ICC Membership also provides exclusive Member-only benefits including:
- Free code opinions from the I-Code experts
- Free I-Code book(s) to new Members
- Staff of Governmental Members can receive free benefits
- Access to employment opportunities and post jobs in the ICC Career Center
- Discounts on professional training and Certification renewal exams
- Savings up to 25% off on code books and training materials

Reinstate now by clicking here:
http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Pages/RenewReinstateMembership.aspx?usertoken={token}&Site=icc

Building Safety Month 2015 Campaign Rollout

May is coming up soon – and so, ICC will begin the roll out the 2015 Building Safety Month campaign as we get closer to our annual celebration of everyone who plays a part in keeping our built environment

safe and efficient. This year's overall theme is "Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes". The weekly themes are:

- Week 1 - Fire Safety: "Don't Get Burned- Build To Code"
- Week 2 - Weather: "Bounce Back Faster From Disaster- Build To Code"
- Week 3 - Water Conservation/Swimming Pool Safety: "Water Safe, Water Smart- Build To Code"
- Week 4 - Energy: "$ave Energy- Build To Code"