

ICC [Government Relations](#) Chapter Monthly Update – October 2019

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VOTE FOR YOUR CODES! Campaign to be launched at 2019 ICC Annual Conference in Las Vegas



Motivating Code Council members to vote on code proposals following the Public Comment Hearing (Oct. 23-30) in Las Vegas is the purpose of the **VOTE FOR YOUR CODES!** Campaign, managed by ICC's Emerging Leaders Membership Council (ELMC) and Sustainability Membership Council. "The Code Council has worked diligently to make electronic voter validation a user-friendly way to designate voters and cdpACCESS offers every voting member of ICC the chance to have their voice heard. We encourage all code professionals to vote using cdpACCESS after this year's hearings," Andre Jaen, ELMC Governing Committee Vice Chair, said. [Read about it here.](#)

ICC Government Relations Forum spotlights how adopting current codes makes economic sense

Titled "[Resilience & Hazard Mitigation: The Important Role of Codes](#)," the Government Relations Forum at the 2019 ICC Annual Conference in Las Vegas offers impressive speakers with expertise on community security and development. The Forum will be held from 8:30 to 11:25 a.m. on Tuesday, October in the Amazon BCD of the Rio Hotel & Convention Center. [Click here for an agenda.](#) CEUs are available.

ICC website is loaded with all the information you need for 2019 Annual Conference and Hearings

Participants in the [2019 ICC Annual Conference](#), Group B Public Comment Hearings and [Building Safety and Design Expo](#) are encouraged to use the Code Council website to make their reservations and [download the Conference app](#). Events will be held at the [Rio Hotel & Convention Center](#) in Las Vegas.

- [Click here to get your Conference schedule](#) of all the events October 20-30.
- If you would like to review who is running for positions on the ICC Board of Directors, [click here](#). This year's ICC Board of Directors Candidates Forum will take place 1-2 p.m. PST on Sunday, October 20, in the convention center's Miranda Room 1-4.
- The Joint Membership Councils Annual Meeting is set for 8 a.m. Wednesday, October 23, to elect candidates for vacancies on the Governing Committees of the [ICC Membership Councils](#). Afterward, the Membership Councils are scheduled to conduct their annual meetings.
- [Click here to find out](#) who's displaying and presenting at the Building Safety & Design Expo.
- Check out the list of education programs by [clicking here](#).
- Here's the [list of the featured speakers](#) for the Annual Business Meeting, the Members Luncheon and [Global Connections Day](#).
- If you need to know more about travel options, [click here](#).

The schedule for the 2019 Public Comment Hearings to be held October 23–30 [is now posted](#). The 2019 Group B Report of Committee Action from the meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., is available by [clicking here](#). Video from the Committee Action Hearings in Albuquerque, N.M., is available by [clicking here](#).

Global Connections Day at Annual Conference focuses on water safety, efficiency and conservation

ICC Annual Conference participants can drop in on the 2019 [Global Connections Day — Water: Safety, Efficiency, and Conservation](#) which starts at 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 23. Experts from around the world convene for an interactive day dedicated to our most precious natural resource. Learn about novel approaches and new technologies that are being employed in the U.S. and internationally to address the water challenges of the global community. *Participants will receive CEUs for this Session.* There will be a fee of \$25 for lunch.

Seismic Roundtable follow-up discussion continues October 23 at the 2019 ICC Annual Conference

Code Council members and stakeholders are encouraged to attend the "ICC Seismic Roundtable: Next Steps Forum" at 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, October 23, at the Rio Hotel and Convention Center. The meeting is a [follow-up event to the July 25 meeting](#) in Sacramento, Calif., sponsored by the ICC and the California Building Officials. The roundtable brought together more than 80 subject matter experts from

the West Coast and across the U.S. to address the development of a nationally applicable approach to new buildings that allows them to not only withstand but function after an earthquake. Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO, expressed the value of the series of meetings: “The seismic roundtable in California is only the beginning as we work together to create the safest buildings and most resilient communities. The Code Council is hosting a series of events to build consensus on important building science and safety matters globally.” [Click here to register for the event.](#)

Philadelphia’s residents will enjoy the latest safety and economic benefits of the IPC

America’s sixth largest city, Philadelphia, [modernized its plumbing code by adopting the 2018 International Plumbing Code](#) (IPC). The IPC is one of a family of correlated and coordinated codes published by the International Code Council — the International Codes (I-Codes) — that are the most widely used and adopted set of building codes in the world. Mayor Jim Kenney signed the bill on September 17, completing a process that began in 2017, when he signed an executive order for the reestablishment of the Plumbing Advisory Board to propose substantial updates to the Philadelphia Plumbing Code. Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO, said Philadelphia’s citizens will enjoy the benefits of adopting the IPC: ““According to a comprehensive independent study performed by Henderson Engineers and Hatch’s Sustainable Economics group, counties that applied the IPC over the past 12 years have saved \$38 billion in construction costs, emitted one million fewer tons of carbon dioxide and realized 166,000 additional jobs.” [Read this article from WHY](#), the public broadcasting news agency, about Philadelphia’s financial advantage by choosing the International Plumbing Code.

ICC Board to start appointing Code Action Committee positions Jan. 1 for next groups of code hearings

The Code Council is currently accepting applications for the five Code Action Committees (Building Code Action Committee, Fire Code Action Committee, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code Action Committee, Sustainability, Energy & High Performance Building Code Action Committee, and the Compliance Code Action Committee), the Codes and Standards Council and a regulator vacancy on the Committee on Healthcare. These committees will be appointed by the ICC Board of Directors for terms starting Jan. 1, 2020. [For more information, click here.](#)

ICC Board Chairman Bryant and CEO Sims release ICC’s Vision 2025 Strategic Plan’s five-year goals

Code Council Board Chairman Bill Bryant and Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims recently released the five-year goals developed for the International Code Council in the document titled, “[Vision 2025 Strategic Plan](#).” The document incorporates contributions from staff, members, partners, the Board of Directors and past presiding officers. “By following this roadmap, we plan to build upon our strengths and work together with all stakeholders to achieve our fullest potential as an association. Vision 2025 allows us to assess the effectiveness of our work and manifest our goals into reality,” they said. The core of the plan is ICC’s mission to provide the highest quality codes, standards, products and services for all concerned with the safety and performance of the built environment worldwide. The plan’s “four strategic pillars” are:

1. Fortify the Code Council’s mission, brand and public awareness.
2. Increase value for members and the building safety community.
3. Ensure financial sustainability and growth.
4. Assess the organizational structure.

U.S. House of Representatives passes two bills aimed at reducing carbon monoxide poisoning

The U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation (the CO Alerts Act) to provide \$305 million for carbon monoxide detectors in federally-subsidized public housing that are installed to meet standards described in chapters 9 and 11 of the Code Council’s 2018 International Fire Code. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson has also expressed support for the measure. [A second bill also passed, HR 1618](#), which provides grants to states for carbon monoxide poisoning prevention where they have adopted the 2015 or 2018 IRC/IFC, or the 2019 NFPA 72. There have been [four reports](#) this year of deaths caused by carbon monoxide poisoning in [public housing complexes](#). The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), reports 50,000 people are sickened by carbon monoxide annually, resulting in 430 deaths.

Opinion piece states current codes are critical protections for low- and middle-income neighborhoods

ICC Government Relations' Ryan Colker co-authored an op-ed with Marion McFadden of Enterprise Community Partners (an affordable housing advocacy group) that appeared last week in the Morning Consult, titled, "Affordable Housing Needs to Be Built to Withstand Natural Disasters." The article notes that recent hurricanes did their worst damage in low- and middle-income neighborhoods, and that keeping construction codes current provides the best protection for those homeowners. "Disasters strike with both a physical and a financial shock, and only about four in 10 Americans can afford to cover a \$1,000 blow with savings," Colker said. "The adoption and application of modern building codes by developers and municipalities is the most straightforward protection for low- and moderate-income communities in the face of disaster. However, more than two-thirds of communities facing hazard risk use out-of-date codes." Colker is executive director of ICC's Alliance for National and Community Resilience and Vice President for Innovation at the Code Council. [Click here to read more.](#)

The Disaster Response Alliance stands ready to mobilize code officials, engineers and others

With hurricanes making headlines again, the International Code Council and the [National Council of Structural Engineers Associations \(NCSEA\)](#) remind their members, stakeholders and affected communities that the [Disaster Response Alliance](#) maintains a national database of skilled, trained and certified building safety professionals who are standing by and ready to assist communities in need. Federal, state, local, tribal and territorial entities may [request assistance](#) online. The Disaster Response Alliance has assembled a cadre of skilled code officials, engineers and others from across the country who are willing to assist with post-disaster safety assessments, building damage assessments, inspections, and provide surge support for other code-related functions. The Disaster Response Alliance brings together skilled, volunteer second responders in one place for easy access and quick mobilization.

ICC CEO Sims to keynote the 2020 RESNET Building Performance Conference February 24 in Arizona

Dominic Sims, the Chief Executive Officer of the International Code Council will be the keynote speaker at the [2020 RESNET Building Performance Conference](#) on February 24, 2020, in Scottsdale, Arizona. He will address the demographic challenges the building code official infrastructure is currently facing and how RESNET certified HERS® Raters are poised to help address building energy code verification. He will also announce the rollout of the [collaboration that is taking place between the Code Council and RESNET](#). For more on this, [click here](#).

Accreditation signals manufacturers to keep obtaining formaldehyde emission listing through ICC-ES

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) –experts in building product evaluation and certification – has received accreditation from the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to provide third-party certification services to manufacturers of composite wood products. This accreditation complements the company's existing EPA-approved formaldehyde emission listing program. ICC-ES has earned this accreditation under 40 CFR Part 770 - Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products. Products that can be certified under this program include hardboard plywood, particleboard, medium-density fiberboard (MDF) and thin MDF. [Read more here.](#)

Got Pulse? In Episode 20, Justin Wiley interviews DCRA's Ernest Chrappah on digitization, initiatives

In this episode of the [Pulse Podcast](#), the Code Council's Vice President of Government Relations [Justin Wiley](#) returns to interview Washington, D.C.'s Director of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) [Ernest Chrappah](#). The two discuss DCRA's various initiatives including the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan that focuses on digitization. [Click here](#) to listen.

Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.

Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **October 1 - Basic Code Enforcement Webinar Series [Dealing with Hazmat and Hoarding Properties](#).**
- **October 2 - Permit Technician Webinar Series [Building Department Processes](#).**

- October 3 - [Procedures for Officers and Inspectors](#).
- October 3 - [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders](#).
- October 3 - [Wood Shear Wall Seismic and Wind Design Example per 2018 WFCM and 2015 SDPWS](#).
- October 8 - [An Overview of Significant Changes in the 2018 IBC®](#).
- October 8 - [Advanced Legal Aspects of Code Administration for Building Officials and Inspectors](#).
- October 8 - [Basic Code Enforcement](#).
- October 8 - [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- October 9 - Permit Technician Webinar Series [Finding the Answers in the I-Codes®](#).
- October 10 - 2015 IPC® Webinar Series [Chapters 1, 2 and 3](#).
- October 14 - [Online Zoning Tools: An Overview of Municipality and MapLink](#).
- October 15 - [Frame of Reference: Steel Moment Frames Explained](#).
- October 15 - 2015 IPC® Webinar Series [Chapters 4, 5 and 6](#).
- October 15 - [Basic Code Enforcement](#).
- October 15 - [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- October 16 - Leadership Webinar Series [Public Speaking](#).
- October 17 - [A Structural Engineer's Primer for Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis for Structural Engineers](#).
- October 23 - [Tsunami Design per ASCE 7-16](#).
- October 24 - [An Overview of Major Changes in ASCE 7-16](#).
- October 29 - 2015 IPC® Webinar Series [Chapters 7 and 8](#).
- October 30 - 2015 IPC® Webinar Series [Chapters 9 and 10](#).
- November 5 - 2015 IPC® Webinar Series [Chapters 11-14](#).
- November 5 - [Advanced Legal Aspects of Code Administration for Fire Inspectors](#).
- November 6 - [2018 IBC® Essentials](#).
- November 6 - [2018 IMC® Design, Installation and Inspection Principles](#).
- November 6 - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series [Building Planning](#).
- November 7 - Basic Code Enforcement Webinar Series [Joint Enforcement Safety](#).
- November 8 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series [Administration and General Requirements](#)
- November 13 - [2018 IBC® Essentials](#).
- November 13 - [2018 IMC® Design, Installation and Inspection Principles](#).
- November 13 - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series [Wall Construction](#).
- November 14 - [Basic Code Enforcement](#).
- November 18 - [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- November 18 - [2018 IBC Fire and Smoke Protection Features](#).
- November 19 - Leadership Webinar Series [Coaching for Success](#).
- November 19 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series [Ventilation and Duct Systems](#).
- November 20 - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series [Public Safety and Special Construction](#).
- November 21 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series [Exhaust Systems](#).
- November 25 - [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- November 25 - [2018 IBC Fire and Smoke Protection Features](#).
- November 26 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series [Combustion Air and Venting](#).
- November 27 - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series [Footings and Foundations](#).
- December 3 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series [Boilers and Hydronic Piping](#).
- December 4 - [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders](#).
- December 10 - Leadership Webinar Series [Public Speaking for the Code Official](#).
- December 11 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series [Refrigeration, Fuel Oil Piping and Storage and Solar Systems](#).
- December 13 - [2018 IPC® Design, Installation and Inspection Principles](#).
- December 13 - [2018 IPMC® Overview](#).

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation, many of which offer virtual options for those who cannot travel. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **October 2** virtual, [2018 IRC® Essentials](#).
- **October 3** virtual, [Procedures for Officers and Inspectors](#).
- **October 4** virtual, [2018 IPC Nonpotable Water & Methods of Venting Plumbing Fixtures and Traps](#).
- **October 7** at Brea, Calif., [Code Enforcement 101](#).
- **October 7-11** at Sacramento, Calif., [Plan Review Institute](#).
- **October 8** virtual, [Advanced Legal Aspects of Code Administration for Bldg Officials and Inspectors](#).
- **October 8 and 15** virtual, [Basic Code Enforcement](#).
- **October 8 and 15** virtual, [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- **October 13** at Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual, [Procedures for Officers and Inspectors](#).
- **October 18-29** at Tampa, Fla., [When Disaster Strikes](#).
- **November 5** in Chicago, [Advanced Legal Aspects of Code Administration for Fire Inspectors](#).
- **November 6-8** in Portland, Ore., [Fire & Life Safety Institute](#).
- **November 18 and 25** in Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **November 18 and 25** in Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual [2018 IBC® Fire and Smoke Protection Features](#).
- **December 2-3**, in Orlando, Fla., [Permit Technician Institute](#).
- **December 13 & 20** at Miami, Fla., [2018 IPMC® Overview](#).

Certification Test Academies feature interactive and question-based review for the exam. Students will receive a voucher to take the exam at a later date. Upcoming opportunities:

- Available daily online, [2015 Permit Technician 14 Study Guide](#).
- Available daily online, [IRC® Online Study Guide for Residential Building Inspectors B1](#).
- **December 9-12** at Las Vegas, Nev., [B2 - Commercial Building Inspector](#).