

# ICC Government Relations' Chapter Monthly Update



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## ICC Learn Live! Registration is now open for this fall's online training event November 15-18

You can now register for classes offered in the Code Council's unique virtual training event set for November 15-18. The four-day online event will focus on these topic areas:

- Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC Digital Transformation)
- Technology Collaboration Solutions
- Building to Improve Communities
- Unique Building Structures
- 2021 I-Code® changes

ICC Learn Live! is a platform to continue supporting and connecting with its members, customers, and partners. [Click here to see the schedule](#) of individual courses, CEU values and instructors.

## **Please take a couple minutes to list your jurisdiction's building codes on this simple online form**

The ICC Government Relations team is compiling a spreadsheet of locally adopted building codes and is asking for your help. [Please click here and list the current International Codes](#) that your jurisdiction has adopted. **It's quick and super easy!** This improved recordkeeping of local jurisdictions will be helpful to all code officials in the International Code Council and for our field efforts. Please take a couple minutes and submit it at the bottom of the page. Thank you for your time and cooperation!

## **ICC Voting Members have until November 30 to decide two proposed bylaw amendments by eBallot**

As an eligible voting member, you have 30 days, beginning November 1 and ending November 30, to submit your ballot vote on two proposed amendments to the ICC bylaws. Each proposed amendment will require a two-thirds favorable majority of ballot votes for final adoption. Approved amendments will become effective 10 days after the ICC Board President certifies the voting results. At the S2021 Annual Business Meeting in Pittsburgh, the ICC voting members present and voting approved two amendments to the ICC bylaws that were proposed by the ICC Board of Directors. In accordance with Section 18.2 of the ICC bylaws, all eligible voters can ratify these two proposed amendments by way of a ballot vote.

- The first proposed amendment, [Bylaw Amendment 2021-1](#), provides editorial changes and establishes consistency of terms throughout the ICC Bylaws.
- The second proposed amendment, [Bylaw Amendment 2021-2](#), consists of four parts, which eliminate the requirement that the Immediate Past President maintain Governmental Member Voting Representative status, increase the signatory threshold for bylaw amendment proposals, condense the Order of Business for the ABM to create more flexibility, and expressly list the Immediate Past President as an Officer.

You should have received an email from eBallot (our online voting platform) on November 1. This email allows access to view the ballot and place your vote. Any questions? Please reach out to Will Coffman, Assistant General Counsel at [memberinput@iccsafe.org](mailto:memberinput@iccsafe.org) or 888-422-7233, extension 5243.

## **A CAREER OPPORTUNITY! December 31 is the deadline for Emory R. Rodgers Fellowship applications**

This Fellowship is available annually to a building safety professional who has embarked upon a demonstrated executive-level career path and wants to further develop leadership skills through an eligible executive development program. Here are evaluation criteria for candidates:

- The candidate's possession of a minimum of two ICC certifications and five years in a building safety profession.
- The candidate's career accomplishments, awards, and/or recognition that demonstrate leadership abilities in a building safety role.
- The candidate's proof of application and acceptance into an eligible Code Council-staff approved executive development program.

- The candidate’s submission of at least three recommendation letters from an immediate supervisor and other community leaders.
- The candidate’s submission of a personal statement elaborating on his or her personal goals and qualifications.
- The candidate’s status as a Code Council member and involvement in Code Council programs.
- The candidate’s involvement in community, civic, and/or extracurricular ventures or affiliations.

The Fellowship will afford up to \$20,000 to cover the full cost of the educational program and the award recipient’s travel to and from the program. Check out this [video](#) featuring Chris Landreth, City of Tracy (CA) Supervising Building Inspector, and inaugural recipient of the fellowship. Questions? Contact Vice President of Member Services Karla Higgs at [khiggs@iccsafe.org](mailto:khiggs@iccsafe.org). [Read more here](#).

### **Code change proposals for 2022 Group B codes can be submitted on cdpACCESS through January 10**

The 2022 Group B codes — which include Administration, International Building Code (structural), International Existing Building Code, the International Green Construction Code (Chapter 1) and International Residential Code (building) — are open for proposed changes through cdpACCESS. The deadline for code change proposal submittals is 11:59 p.m. PT on Jan. 10, 2022. [Go to cdpACCESS](#). More information on the 2022 Group B code development cycle is available in the updated 2021/2022 [ICC Code Development Schedule](#).

### **New series of videos provide brief information on office solutions that can be funded by ARP and BRIC**

With second round Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC II) and American Recovery Plan (ARP) money becoming available to local governments, code officials have a rare opportunity to obtain funding that will update office systems, training, certification and online resources in response to the current pandemic. Some of the transformative products for office systems are covered in this series of very brief, explanative videos:

- [Municipity](#) - A cloud-based software solution built for the rapidly changing technological landscape —whether it be from the office, the field, or remote, you have access to all your Code Enforcement & Community Developmental needs.
- [Laserfiche](#) – A system to enable employees, citizens and customers to conduct business from anywhere. Streamline processes to route work, requests and notifications. Integrate all of your systems together.
- [Digital Codes Premium](#) - Transform the way you interact with codes and simplify your code research process with Digital Codes Premium. This digital codes platform and advanced tools allow you to easily search, collaborate, and organize all of your work in one place.
- [MapLink](#) – It’s a Visual Zoning™ service that presents the essential elements of your community’s zoning code through an interactive online map on the ZoningHub platform.
- [Custom Local Building Codes](#) – This service integrates your local amendments into any or all of the 15 I-Codes to create your municipality’s own custom Codes. Your CLBC can be published in a variety of customized, integrated formats including Digital Codes Premium, books or PDFs. Links can be posted to your building code amendments in eCode360, the versatile online code portal.

### **ROUND 2 DEADLINE JANUARY 28: FEMA’s BRIC II doubles the money for code adoptions and activities**

Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program is set to award \$1 billion for pre-disaster mitigation grants in its second year of operation. The application period ends January 28, 2022 although many individual states have establish nearer-term in-state deadlines. The BRIC program presents an opportunity for jurisdictions to submit applications for programs and services to improve their code adoption, enforcement, and operations because BRIC prioritizes the adoption and enforcement of hazard resistant building codes and makes funding available for adoption and enforcement activities. [You can click here](#) for a fact sheet for additional information.

- **Note:** Local governments must apply through their states. Many states have fixed sub-application deadlines that precede the application deadline. Contact your State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) to confirm your state’s deadline. [Click here](#) to find your SHMO’s contact information.
- Identify your department’s needs that qualify for BRIC funding.

- [Click here](#) for FEMA's BRIC Building Code Activities document.
- **Note:** Code activities are eligible as a "Capability- and Capacity-Building" (C&CB) activity under \$1 million State/Territory and Tribal set-asides.
- Reach out to your jurisdiction's Mitigation Officer and share your department's needs and discuss the application process. Coordinate with your ICC chapter and state agencies.

Please contact us, [advocacy@iccsafe.org](mailto:advocacy@iccsafe.org), with any questions.

### **ICC and ASHRAE collaborate to create a new exam for Commercial Green Construction Professional**

The ICC Assessment Center, in collaboration with the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), announced the release of a new International Green Construction Code (IgCC) exam, the Commercial Green Construction Professional. The new certification will help professionals to provide expertise in resilience through natural disasters, climate change, resource consumption/management and service interruptions due to unforeseen events. [Read more here.](#)

### **Deadline is November 15 to apply for positions on an ICC Exam Development Committee**

Put your professional and personal experience to good use by joining a Code Council Exam Development Committee before the November 15 deadline. If you've ever been interested in having a say in the development and maintenance of the ICC National Certification exams, now's the time to apply.

Openings are available beginning January 1 on the following Exam Development Committees (EDCs):

- Certified Building Official/Certified Fire Marshal
- Commercial Fire Alarm
- Fire Sprinkler
- Mechanical
- Plumbing/Fuel Gas
- Portable/Pre-Engineered Fire Extinguishing Systems (NAFED)
- Residential Building
- Special Inspector – Steel & Welding

If you have additional questions about the duties and responsibilities of an EDC member, please feel free to contact us at 888-422-7233, ext. 5524 or at [accommittees@iccsafe.org](mailto:accommittees@iccsafe.org).

### **FEMA seeks input by December 13 on public views on the National Flood Insurance Program**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is [conducting web meetings November 4 and 15](#) as part of its "Request for Information" to receive public input on two topics:

- Public sentiments on revising the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) floodplain management standards for land management and use regulations to better align with the current understanding of flood risk and flood risk reduction. Specifically, FEMA wants input on floodplain management standards that communities should adopt to result in safer, stronger and more resilient communities.
- Your views on how the NFIP can better promote protection of and minimize any adverse impact to threatened and endangered species, and their habitats.

Written comments are requested on or before December 13. [Read more here.](#)

### **DOE releases REScheck Version 2.1.0 to help builders, designers and contractors to comply with IECC**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) released REScheck Version 2.1.0, a free, web-based software application that helps builders, designers and contractors demonstrate that a particular home complies with the latest provisions of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The DOE has determined that the provisions of the 2021 IECC will achieve savings of 9.4 percent in residential buildings (compared to the previous 2018 edition). [Read more here.](#)

### **New York City's recent updates mark the first holistic update to the entire set of NYC codes since 2014**

The New York City Department of Buildings has marked the official passage of major updates to the city's construction codes. This comprehensive revision to the Codes contains over 600 major updates, and thousands of smaller changes, intended to improve safety for New Yorkers, and incorporate the latest in building technologies. The code revisions approved recently are the first holistic update to the entire set of NYC Administrative, Plumbing, Building, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes since 2014. [Read more here.](#)

## **Building Owners & Managers Association releases its own policy brief on Surfside building collapse**

To address some of the frequently-asked questions raised by its members and local associations, the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) released a policy brief — The Building Collapse in Surfside: What You Need to Know — that provides resources and expertise and covers what properties can do going forward regarding maintenance and inspections processes. [Read more here.](#) Another recent report came from a coalition of engineers and building professionals from various backgrounds, understanding that changes are needed to Florida's Building Code and inspection laws to assure the safety of all other existing structures in Florida. The coalition included the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida, the Florida Engineering Society, the Florida Structural Engineers Association, the Florida Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and other building professionals from the International Concrete Repair Institute, the Building Officials Association of Florida, and the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects. [Read more here.](#)



## **ICC Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas updates**

### **Significant changes to removable fixture traps serving as cleanouts highlighted in the 2021 IPC**

The 2021 Significant Changes guides are available for the International Building, Residential, Fire, Energy Conservation, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes. An addition to Section 708.1.6 (Removable Fixture Traps Serving as Cleanouts) states that removable traps and removable fixtures with integral traps are acceptable as equivalent to cleanouts. [Read more here.](#)

### **International Plumbing Code used in UA's Plumbing Code Application course in recent training event**

After an unprecedented hiatus last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United Association's (UA) annual [Instructor Training Program](#) returned recently as a five-day virtual event. Trainers used the Zoom video teleconferencing platform to present more than 100 train-the-trainer courses for instructors of journeymen and apprentices in the plumbing, pipefitting, sprinkler fitting, welding and service technician trades. As always, the curriculum included the UA's Plumbing Code Application course, which uses the International Code Council's [International Plumbing Code](#) (IPC) to help instructors develop and teach plumbing code classes at their own locals. [Read more here.](#)

### **It's critical to make sure that nonpotable water is treated to the level intended for the application**

When it comes to other alternate on-site nonpotable water, such as graywater, it is extremely important to make sure the nonpotable water is treated to the level intended for the application. The code does provide minimum requirements for residual disinfection and filtering in International Plumbing Code Section 1301.2. However, local laws, ordinances and regulations will likely apply, perhaps through the local health codes and public health authorities. [Read more here.](#)



## **Upcoming from the Learning Center: Institutes, training, webinars, etc.**

Online learning is available from the [ICC Learning Center](#). Find course [listings you'd like to attend](#) in the ICC Learning Center using the Search function. Some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **November 1&2 - [2018 Commercial Building Inspection Institute.](#)**
- **November 1-3 - [2018 Building Plans Examiner - B3 Certification Test Academy.](#)**
- **November 4 -[2018 IBC Means of Egress.](#)**
- **November 15-19 - [2018 Commercial Building Inspector - B2 Certification Test Academy.](#)**
- **November 18 - [Zoning & Code Enforcement.](#)**
- **November 30 - [Inspector Skills.](#)**
- **December 1 - [Advanced Legal Aspects of Code Administration for Building Officials & Inspectors.](#)**
- **December 6-7 - [When Disaster Strikes.](#)**
- **December 7 - [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders.](#)**
- **December 14 - [Basic Code Enforcement.](#)**

- December 16 - [Report Writing for the Code Official.](#)
- February 7-11 – [Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute.](#)
- February 28-March 4 – [EduCode.](#)

The following are online courses that you can take at any time. Here are some popular online courses:

- [2018 Residential Building Inspector - B1 Study Guide](#)
- [2018 Commercial Building Inspector - B2 Study Guide](#)
- [2018 Commercial Electrical Inspector - E2 Study Guide](#)
- [2015 Commercial Plumbing Inspector - P1 Study Guide](#)
- [2015 IFC® Fire Inspector I - 66 Study Guide](#)
- [Architect and Engineer Design Coordination](#)
- [Basic Blueprint Reading & Related Math](#)
- [Evaluating Preliminary Building Plan Review Requirements](#)
- [Flood Vents](#)
- [Green Building Materials: An Introduction](#)
- [IBC® - Significant Changes from the 2012 to the 2015 Edition](#)
- [International Building Code & More: Code Officials and Code Processes](#)
- [Reducing Risk: Preparing to be an Expert Witness in a Deposition and Trial](#)
- [Residential Energy Inspector/Plans Examiner 79 Online Prep Course](#)
- [Smart Management: Methods for Motivating and Mentoring Your Team](#)
- [Worksite Safety 01: OSHA Safety Introduction](#)

Check out more [upcoming learning opportunities here.](#)