

## International Code Council Government Relations Insight Session

ICC Adaptive Reuse Working Group



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# Office-to-Residential Conversion

- Over 1 billion square feet of vacant office space in US (370 Empire State Buildings)
- US has a housing / housing affordability crisis
- Market revaluation of existing office assets
- Procedural and financial barriers to conversion
- 2,600+ office-to-residential conversion candidates being considered by developers

Source: Wall Street Journal, What It Takes to Convert a Multimillion-Dollar Office Into Housing, (July 2, 2023)











## Need

- Housing Crisis
- Post Pandemic Office Vacancies



#### Mission

• CREATE A COLLABORATIVE MULTIDISCIPLINARY GROUP TO DISCUSS ADAPTIVE REUSE ISSUES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS (CODE CHANGE PROPOSALS, LOCAL ORDINANCES, INTERPRETATION OF EXISTING CODES) TO SAFELY ADDRESS LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS.

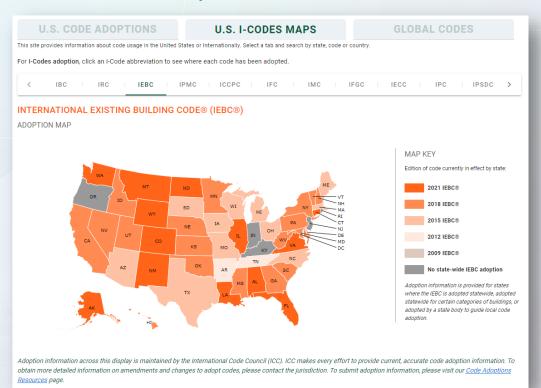
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#### **IEBC** Adoptions



#### Resources

https://www.iccsafe.org/adoptions/
code-adoption-map

Master-I-Code-Adoption-Chart-1.pdf (iccsafe.org)





#### Navigating the codes for adaptive reuse projects



#### 3 Compliance Methods

- Prescriptive Method
- Work Area Method
- Performance Method



### Progress

- Biweekly meetings since June
- Issues identified
  - Life safety
  - Light and ventilation
  - Structural
  - Energy
  - Plumbing
- Possible solutions
  - Code interpretation/education
  - Code change proposal
  - Local issue/ordinance
- Prioritize issues



### Next Steps

- 2027 IEBC & IBC code change proposals (Due Jan 10, 2025)
- Join the conversation!



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