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U.S. CHAMBER: Enforcing most recent International Codes is key to stabilizing insurance markets

As natural disasters grow in frequency and severity, the financial toll on homeowners and insurers continues to rise. Communities across the United States are grappling with escalating insurance premiums, reduced coverage options and the challenge of rebuilding after catastrophic events. In an attempt to ease these burdens, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is urging policymakers, industry leaders and local governments to embrace smarter, forward-looking resilience strategies. One of the most effective solutions is modern, consensus-based building codes. These codes are not simply technical guidelines, but rather foundational policies that foster the safety, affordability and resilience of communities across the U.S. and beyond. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's recent whitepaper, [The Path to Affordability and Availability in Homeowners Insurance](#), adherence to the most recent [International Codes® \(I-Codes®\)](#) could be a key policy solution to stabilize insurance markets. The Chamber reiterated that if all new buildings were constructed to meet these standards, the U.S. could save **\$600 billion through loss avoidance by 2060**.

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30 tribal nations represented at 2nd NACO Summit

With 30 tribal nations represented, the second annual Native American Code Officials (NACO) Summit took place Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2025. Sponsored by the NACO Chapter of the International Code Council (ICC), the summit focused on experiences and insights from tribal government representatives who have enforced building codes to protect the safety and property of Native Americans. The event, Promoting Tribal Sovereignty through Tribal Building Codes, was held at the Wild Horse Pass Resort and Casino on the tribal lands of the Gila River Indian Community just south of Phoenix, AZ. Nearly 100 participants heard from certified building inspectors, fire service officials, permit technicians and tribal leaders who have used model building codes. "We are together holding the torch so that others coming behind us will have the pathway forward," said David Jackson, NACO Board President and member of the Gila River Indian Community. "I see my work as a building official as someone who impacts my community. My work protects the quality of housing and of care for the elders as a resource for my community. It builds sovereignty. We feature some young people here who are providing codes for their communities for the first time. Because of the resources they provide, others will follow and become involved, like CDFIs, banking, planners, engineering professionals, contractors and energy experts." [Photo by Daniel Jackson, Seattle.]

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UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

2026 Public Comment Hearings – Group A & B April 19–28, 2026

The Connecticut Convention
Center, Hartford CT

2026 ICC Annual Conference and Expo October 18 – 21, 2026

Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville, TN

Group B cycle change proposals are open for public comments until Jan. 5

The International Code Council recently began accepting public comments on the 2025 Group B cycle International Code® (I-Code) change proposals, with the submission deadline set for 11:59 p.m. PT on Jan. 5, 2026.

To submit public comments for the Group B I-Codes, please visit [cdpACCESS](#). For a proposal to be eligible for public comment it must have had a comment acted upon at the Committee Action Hearing #2 this past October. For the proposals open for public comment, you can review the Report on Committee Action Hearing #2 which will be linked on the cdpACCESS webpage. The public comments will be heard jointly with public comments from the Group A cycle April 19-28, 2026. The I-Codes are a family of 15 coordinated, model building safety codes that help ensure the engineering of safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. The Code Council's code development process is transparent, accessible and inclusive and all interested parties are encouraged to participate.

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Applications due December 15 for the Emory R. Rodgers Fellowship award

A proven career boosting program for those interested in moving forward in the building safety profession is now seeking applicants. The Code Council is taking applications for the [Emory R. Rodgers Leadership in Building Safety Fellowship](#). All applications **must be in by December 15**. The Fellowship is awarded annually to a building safety professional pursuing an executive-level career path, aiming to enhance leadership skills through an eligible program sponsored by a higher education institution. It provides up to \$20,000 to cover the full educational program costs and travel expenses for the recipient. Past recipients include:

- [Charles "Andy" Higgins](#), Director, Customer Success, City of Seattle, Department of Construction and Inspections.
- [John "JC" Hudgison](#), Construction Services Manager and Building Official for the City of Tampa, Florida.
- [Andre Jaen](#), Building Code and Sustainability Services Professional with Shums Coda Associates, Cherry Hills Village, Colorado.
- [Ron Clements](#), Building Official for Chesterfield County, Virginia, and director of the Chesterfield Building Inspection Department.
- [Chris Landreth](#), Supervising Building Inspector for the City of Colusa, California.
- [Maryia Lackansingh](#), Code Specialist III in the Commercial Building Division of Land Development Service for Fairfax County, Virginia

It is worth noting that four of the six named above also went on to be elected to the ICC Board of Directors.

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Public comments sought on proposed amendments for the 2027 IECC

The **public comment period will end December 15** for the recently released 2025 Public Comment Draft for the 2027 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). This draft contains proposed changes from the 2024 IECC and is available in electronic format only. Public comment is open only on substantive technical changes identified in this draft. New proposed text appears in blue or gray and deleted text appears as struck through. The draft can be accessed at [2025 Public Comment Draft for the 2027 International Energy Conservation Code](#). Public comments will be accepted through [energy.cdpACCESS.com](#) only. Following review and consideration of all submitted comments, the IECC Consensus Committees will determine the final code content of the 2027 IECC in accordance with ICC Consensus Procedures. Initial action on submitted comments is tentatively scheduled to conclude by April 24, 2026. Subcommittee and Consensus Committee meetings are open to all participants, with public notice provided in accordance with ICC procedures.

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The ICC Member Community App is free on Apple and Android

The Code Council is excited to announce the launch of the **ICC Member Community App**, now available on both [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices. Free for ICC members, this powerful new tool puts a community of building safety professionals and a wealth of knowledge right at your fingertips, making it easier than ever to:

- **Connect** with fellow members around the world
- **Share** your experiences and insights
- **Ask** questions and get advice from peers
- **Join** a Membership Council
- **Create or attend** events that matter to you
- **Find a mentor** or become one
- **Explore** career opportunities in the Career Center

Whether ICC members are looking to expand their networks, stay informed or get involved, the ICC Member Community App is the gateway to a more connected professional experience. Download the ICC Member Community app, today. [Click here](#), or search "ICC member community" on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Please use your existing myICC username and password to sign in.

Code Council will close offices Dec. 24-January 2 for the holiday season

The International Code Council offices will be closed **Wednesday, December 24 – Thursday, January 1, 2026** for the winter holidays. We will resume regular business operations **on Friday, January 2, 2026**.

GOT PULSE? Episode 65 puts the focus on the historic Lahaina wildfire

In early August 2023, Hawaii wildfires destroyed over 2,200 structures, caused an estimated \$5.5 billion in damage, and most tragically claimed the lives of over 100 people. In this episode of the [ICC Pulse Podcast](#), we gathered key experts to discuss the Lahaina fire and Hawaii wildfires, emphasizing building safety and codes — how they shaped the disaster, what they reveal about vulnerabilities, what could change going forward, and more. Guests featured:

- Derek Alkonis, Senior Research Program Manager, Fire Safety Research Institute
- Dori Booth, State Fire Marshal, State of Hawaii
- Ka'aina Hull, Director of Planning, County of Kauai
- Justice Jones, Fire and Disaster Mitigation Program Manager, ICC
- Elizabeth Pickett, Co-Executive Director, Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization

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ICC Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Updates

Pipeline: New plumbing non-profit empowers communities across the USA

Pipeline (not to be confused with The Pipeline with Tom Roberts) is a plumbing non-profit organization newly established through the leadership of Mark Falcon and with support from the wider plumbing industry. Many will know Falcon from his episode on Season 3 of American Plumber Stories (see episode). The idea for Pipeline came to Falcon after watching Martin Porte's episode of American Plumber Stories (see episode) in Season 5, where through sponsorship from the International Code Council (ICC), the show went international and featured plumbers from Alaska, Hawaii, Australia and Canada. This season showed how important plumbing is to communities all over the world, and Porte's episode demonstrated his dedication to help communities, regardless of the location or challenge.

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2025 USA Elite Trades Championship Series to be featured on CBS Sports

The [ServiceTitan Elite Trades Championship Series](#) is a prominent event across the skilled trades industries, celebrating the expertise and craftsmanship of professionals across multiple disciplines, including plumbing and HVAC. Organized by [ServiceTitan](#), a leading software provider for the trades, and sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC), this championship brings together top talent from various regions to compete and showcase their skills. A key aspect of the championship is its emphasis on standards and best practices, which is where ICC's sponsorship plays a crucial role.

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THE COLDEST COMMUTE: Dylan Smith's plumbing job in Antarctica

For most plumbers, the daily grind is juggling multiple jobs and tight schedules, unpredictable weather and traffic conditions and the occasional customer conflict. But for Dylan Smith, a plumbing educational team leader, his most recent "job site" was a little different — the coldest place on the planet, Antarctica. In 2023, Smith packed his tools, thermal gear and sense of adventure for a six-month placement at the [Davis Research Station](#), one of Australia's three permanent research bases on the icy continent. It was a rare opportunity to test his plumbing skills in the most remote and extreme environment on Earth.

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The Code Council's PMG team offers a bimonthly newsletter that covers the latest news in plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, swimming pool & spa, and more on a global scale.

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ICC Family of Solutions Updates

Showcase local compliance with an ICC-ES supplement report

Whether they are expanding into new markets or solidifying their presence in existing ones, ICC-ES regional supplement reports can help manufacturers' products stand out and get approved faster. ICC-ES Supplement Reports are designed to help provide proof of compliance to local and state-specific building codes and can help open doors to new markets across the country. By adding an ICC-ES Supplement Report, businesses can streamline multiple jurisdiction approvals with one comprehensive report, simplifying the process of meeting varying regional code requirements. Recognized by code officials, designers, and specifiers, ICC-ES reports provide a mark of

excellence, signifying that products have been rigorously evaluated, enhancing their credibility and streamlining the approval process. With ICC-ES Supplement Reports, businesses can benefit from:

✓ **Nationwide Market Access:** Meet the specific requirements of key local codes like the Los Angeles Building Code, Chicago Building Code, Florida Building Code, Oregon Building Code, and more.

✓ **Streamlined Approval Process:** Save time and reduce hassle with code-official-trusted reports that make it easy to demonstrate compliance with local and state building codes.

✓ **Enhanced Credibility:** Show customers and stakeholders that your products meet the highest standards for safety and compliance.

✓ **Increased Visibility:** Join the ranks of manufacturers already gaining awareness and trust in new markets nationwide by showcasing compliance to regional codes.

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