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City of Phoenix Strengthens Building Safety and Accessibility by Adopting the 2024 International Codes[®]

Phoenix has taken a significant step toward ensuring the safety, efficiency and resiliency of its community

Phoenix, AZ – On June 18, 2025, the city of Phoenix voted to adopt the 2024 Phoenix Building Construction Code (PBCC), becoming the latest major city to adopt all 15 of the 2024 International Codes[®] (I-Codes[®]). This decision comes after careful consideration by the Phoenix City Council and aligns the City's standards with the latest construction codes and local priorities.

"By adopting the 2024 I-Codes[®], Phoenix has become a national leader in building safety, accessibility and sustainability," said Code Council Chief Executive Officer John Belcik. "We commend the Phoenix City Council for recognizing the critical role building codes play in safeguarding communities and their commitment to innovation."

Updates in the 2024 PBCC include electrical vehicle readiness, water conservation improvements, streamlined permitting, approved alternative building materials and better living space efficiency.

The 2024 PBCC also includes a home design amendment, which enhances standards for specific entrances, hallways, bathrooms and household fixtures to help residents age in place and improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

"Adopting the 2024 I-Codes positions Phoenix to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving built environment while reinforcing our commitment to safe, smart and future-ready development," said Acting Building Official with the City of Phoenix, Matthew Miles. Adoption of the 2024 PBCC will go into effect in Phoenix on August 1, 2025, and includes a grace period for projects already underway. Read more about the 2024 Phoenix Building Construction Code <u>here</u>.

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About the International Code Council

The <u>International Code Council</u> is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.