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THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING AN ICC STANDARD

The best way to understand the standards development process is to take a step-by-step approach. The International Code Council (ICC) develops its standards through an ANSI-accredited Consensus Process that includes gathering input from the Code Council's membership, industry professionals and the public. The result is a standard that reflects current industry best practices. Think of the Code Council as a provider of the platform to develop standards relevant to the Code Council's membership and the I-Codes. It's easy to get involved with the standards development process and your participation ensures that you have a voice in standardizing ways of driving business as well as compliance practice.

STEP 1



A need is identified to develop a new standard or revise an existing one.

STEP 2



A committee is appointed from a pool of applicants responding to a posted Code Council "call for committee".

The committee works with a Code Council staff secretariat to establish a work plan, conduct scheduled meetings and follow the ICC Consensus Procedures.

The committee can create work groups in which committee members and interested parties can participate in the standard development.

STEP 3



The initial draft of the new standard is crafted by the committee and staff, or the previous edition is made available for input by committee members or interested parties.

The initial draft becomes the public comment draft and is posted publicly for a defined comment period.

The public comments are organized, considered by the committee and, in turn, may become revisions to the document text to create a second public comment draft.

STEP 4



The second draft is again posted publicly for comment on the revisions only.

This step repeats until there are no longer technically substantive public comments or committee proposals.

If comment resolution is not achieved, each objector is informed in writing of the appeals process.

STEP 5



The committee is balloted for final approval of the draft to become an ICC standard.

When approved, the standard is published and made readily available.

ANSI Approval is concurrently requested so that the ICC standard can become an American National Standard.

ICC standards are typically maintained under a five-year revision cycle and new standards ideas are always under consideration by Code Council staff. Committee participation begins with answering the committee call posted on the Code Council's Call for Committees webpage. Finished ICC standards can be referenced in the I-Codes through the ICC Code Development Process.