



# ICC CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

## HOW IT WORKS

The International Code Council develops the International Codes, a coordinated, modern set of building codes used in all 50 U.S. states and many other countries. Changes to the I-Codes are made through a transparent and inclusive consensus-based process that complies with the OMB Circular A-119.

### STAGE ONE



#### CODE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

Anyone can apply to serve on one of the committees that preside over the Committee Action Hearings (CAH).

The Codes and Standards Council makes recommendations based on these applications to the ICC Board, which appoints members to the committees.

Members of each committee fall into one of three interest categories:

- **General (Gov't):** government regulatory agencies.
- **User:** building owners, designers, insurance companies, private inspection agencies, academics.
- **Producer:** builders, contractors, manufacturers, distributors.

#### CODE CHANGE SUBMISSION AND REVIEW

Anyone can submit code change proposals via ICC's cloud-based program, cdpACCESS™.

ICC staff reviews each proposal and assigns them to the applicable Code Development Committee.

### STAGE TWO



#### COMMITTEE ACTION HEARINGS #1

There are two Committee Action Hearings. At the first CAH, code development committees approve, approve with modifications or disapprove each code change proposal.

Participants can testify before the committee in support or in opposition of the proposed code change.



#### CAH#1 COMMENT SUBMISSION AND REVIEW

The results of CAH#1 are made available to the public for review and commenting. Anyone can submit public comments via cdpACCESS™ on the results of the CAH.



#### COMMITTEE ACTION HEARINGS #2:

The second CAH provides an additional opportunity for participants in the process to submit revisions to the original proposals, and for the committee to consider comments submitted online. At the second CAH, code development committees approve, approve with modifications or disapprove each code change proposal.

Participants can testify before the committee in support or in opposition of the proposed code change.



#### PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMISSION AND REVIEW

The results of CAH#2 are made available to the public for review and public commenting through cdpAccess™.



#### PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

At the PCH, participants discuss, and eligible voters vote on proposed changes for Group A and B codes. Eligible voters include regulators serving in a governmental unit, department or agency engaged in the administration, formulation, implementation or enforcement of laws, ordinances, rules or regulations relating to the public health, safety and welfare and honorary members.



### STAGE THREE



#### ONLINE GOVERNMENTAL CONSENSUS VOTE

Following the PCH, eligible voters vote online on the individual changes discussed at the public comment hearing. The final vote count combines the in-person PCH and online votes. The Validation Committee reviews and the ICC Board confirms the final results.



#### NEW EDITION PUBLISHED

An updated edition of the International Codes is published every three years.

The Code Council also develops a number of standards, including mechanical, plumbing, structural, resilience, accessibility and green standards, and is accredited by the American National Standards Institute as a standards developer.