

Know The Facts

Reinforcing the integrity of the International Code Council's code development process



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The Code Council no longer controls their own code development process – interested parties have taken the power.



No components of the Code Council's code development process are outsourced. The Code Council remains in control of its code development process. The process was followed as it was intended for the 2021 I-Codes, from beginning to conclusion, just as it was in all previous code development cycles.

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Special interest groups manipulated the Code Council's 2021 code development process.



The Code Council has code development protocols in place designed to protect the integrity of its process – one that has consistently operated as open, transparent, and responsive.

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Certain industry representatives prevent changes to the code that would make new houses more energy efficient or more resilient to floods, hurricanes, and other disasters.



The final vote on code changes are made by governmental member representatives who have no financial or business interest in the outcome. Non-governmental members who served on committees do not get to vote in this final step in the process.

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Allowing votes to be overturned in the appeals process, by the Code Council Board of Directors, undermines the members' final votes.



Appeals are a necessary and fundamental tenant to all code and standards development processes, and the Code Council Board represents the final step in the Code Council's process that complies with the OMB Circular A-119. The Code Council Board is made up of governmental members, voted in by their peers, whose duty it is to oversee the membership association and appeals process. The Board is in place to ensure the code development process is being upheld to the high standards of the Code Council. In rare instances, the Board has overturned a vote to protect the integrity of the process.

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The Code Council's code development process is flawed.



The Code Council's process is responsive, inclusive, and transparent. In an effort to continue to evolve and refine its process, the Code Council has regular reviews in place to identify areas of improvement. Additionally, the Code Council created a Board Committee on the Long-Term Code Development Process (Blue Ribbon Committee) to consider long-term code development issues.

Visit www.iccsafe.org for more information about the code development process and how the Code Council works to create the most widely used and adopted set of building safety codes in the world.