The International Code Council is leading the way to energy efficiency through a full suite of building safety solutions. As part of our commitment to helping communities reach their energy efficiency goals, the International Energy Conservation Code is undergoing some changes. Learn what's new and what's not changing.

BEFORE

- Future code editions could lessen energy efficiency requirements
- No requirement that zero energy building compliance options be retained
- No requirement to include options to achieve zero energy buildings on timelines sought by governments
- Scope limits some greenhouse gas reduction strategies
- No commitment to efficiency improvements or helping governments address a changing climate

MOVING FORWARD

- Efficiency must increase every edition and rollbacks are prohibited
- Requirement that a zero energy building compliance pathway be included
- Requirement to include option to achieve zero energy buildings by 2030
- Committees can incorporate greenhouse gas reduction measures including on-site renewables, energy storage, EV charging and electrification resources
- Commitment to helping governments increase efficiency and address a changing climate

Comparing the two, it's clear that the new code is focused on increasing energy efficiency and addressing a changing climate, while the old code was more focused on maintaining existing levels of efficiency. The new code also includes more flexible options for achieving zero energy buildings, while the old code was more rigid.

The Energy and Carbon Advisory Council established to inform the direction and scope of Code Council energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction resources.