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The International Code Council Delivers the First Cayman Islands Custom Building Code

The creation of the Cayman Islands Building Code marks a significant step in ensuring the safety, efficiency and resiliency of communities across the islands

George Town, Grand Cayman – On December 5, 2025, the International Code Council (ICC) and its Board of Directors presented representatives from the Cayman Islands Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure with the islands’ first custom building code.

While the Ministry has adopted previous versions of the International Codes® (I-Codes®), the Cayman Islands Building Code is the first to be published under its name, signifying the islands’ ownership of the code.

The new code is based on the 2021 International Building Code® and is designed to align with modern global standards while accommodating local needs. It is anticipated that the code will be officially adopted in 2026. The Cayman Islands will also be adopting the 2021 versions of the International Residential Code®, International Mechanical Code®, International Plumbing Code® and the International Fuel Gas Code®.

The first printed copy of the Cayman Islands Building Code was presented to Hon. Johany S. “Jay” Ebanks, Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure, by ICC Board of Directors President, Mike Boso.

This building code is a result of the long-standing, collaborative relationship between the ICC and the Cayman Islands and marks the culmination of more than three decades of efforts to strengthen building safety and resiliency across the islands.

“We are proud to support the Cayman Islands and deeply value the collaboration that made this advancement possible,” said Boso. “It was an honor for our Board and leadership team to meet with the Ministry and to participate in the presentation of the first branded Cayman Islands Building Code. We look forward to continuing our work together to strengthen codes, enhance capacity, and ensure safe, sustainable communities for generations to come.”

“This first branded Cayman Islands Building Code represents a significant step forward for our islands,” Minister Ebanks said. “It reflects years of collaboration, technical work and a shared commitment to building a safe and strong Cayman Islands. We are grateful to the ICC for its continued guidance as we prepare our islands for the future.”

ICC will continue to work alongside the Cayman Islands Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure to assist with training, implementation, integration and ongoing development of the code.

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About the International Code Council

The [International Code Council](#) 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.