



INTERNATIONAL
CODE
COUNCIL®

STATE AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE I-CODES

The International Code Council advocates for the adoption of our family of codes and standards. The International Codes (I-Codes) provide the basis for state and local building safety regulations and laws. The Code Council recognizes the right of jurisdictions to amend the I-Codes. We respect the jurisdiction's desire to address specific regional or climatic needs, for example, and we often provide technical support on proposed amendments to the I-Codes when requested by the jurisdiction.

The Code Council does not take an active position on amendments to the I-Codes. During the adoption process, Code Council staff serves in a supporting role. Staff provides and assists jurisdictions with rationale for existing code provisions, assists in identifying potential conflicts with correlation of regulations, assists with interpretations and code comparisons, and supports technical committees chartered to review the I-Codes.

Staff encourages jurisdictions to work through the ICC code development process to affect changes to the I-Codes that address their needs. The goal is to advocate for the strong level of safety provided by the I-Codes and to encourage jurisdictions to work within the Code Council process to develop requirements that reflect our mission. There are numerous benefits to this approach, including what jurisdictions learn from each other through interaction in the code development process; savings to the jurisdictions in terms of time and money; and keeping the I-Codes on the leading edge of building science which strengthens all communities.

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