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### **Standard for log homes, other log structures approved**

A set of standards for the design and construction of log homes and other log structures will soon be available for builders, architects, building officials, inspectors and other interested parties. The International Code Council Standard on Design, Construction and Performance of Log Structures, approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an American National Standard, is the first of its kind. It is intended to facilitate and promote the design, construction and installation of safe and reliable structures built with log timbers. The standard was developed by the International Code Council Consensus Committee on Log Structures.

“The ICC Board of Directors noticed a growing number of log homes and commercial buildings including those located in national and state parks,” said International Code Council CEO Rick Weiland. “They recognized the need for a standard for log construction to help ensure the safety of log homes and other buildings. This standard will complement the National Park Service’s use of the *International Building Code* and bring an added level of protection to residential structures.”

The Standard on Design, Construction and Performance of Log Structures is expected to be available for purchase in May. It also will be considered at the Final Action Code Hearings for reference in the 2007 Supplement to the International Codes.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the International Code Council.

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