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I-Codes adopted in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

With adoptions of the International Codes in Hawaii, I-Codes will soon safeguard Americans in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle signed legislation adopting the 2006 International Building Code statewide, effective July 1, and establishing a state building code council.

“ICC is proud to have achieved its original mission of providing a single set of codes for use across the country,” said International Code Council President Wally Bailey. “I-Code adoptions in all 50 states make building design, construction and code enforcement easier for the entire building industry. Consumers are the big winners. The economic benefits of building to the latest codes can include improved safety, reduced maintenance costs, energy savings and lower insurance premiums.”

The state of California adopted the 2006 International Building Code and International Fire Code. The new California codes take effect in January 2008.

“When communities adopt and enforce current building safety and fire prevention codes, public safety moves to a higher level,” said Code Council CEO Rick Weiland. “Building stronger and safer can save lives and can reduce property damage when a disaster strikes.”

The states of Louisiana, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Utah recently updated their codes to the 2006 I-Codes. Around the country, more than 21,000 jurisdictions enforce the International Codes.

Recent I-Code adoptions and updates include: Cedar Bluff and Gardendale, Alabama; Phoenix, Gila County, the Golder Ranch Fire District, Taylor and the Arizona Department of Health Services; the Colorado communities of Lakewood, Northglenn, Pagosa Springs, Parker, Westminster and the Windsor Severance Fire Protection District; Jerome County, Idaho; Altoona, Cedar Falls, Clinton and La Mars, Iowa; in Illinois, the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association Bellwood, Calumet City, Calumet Park, Du Page County, Lindenhurst, Montgomery, Normal, North Chicago, Palatine, Palos Heights Romeoville, Round Lake and Troy; Andover, Garden City, Mulvane, and Pittsburgh, Kansas; Kentucky’s Nelson County; in Maryland, Cambridge, Hartford County, Howard County and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, which covers Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties;

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Worthington, Minn.; Madison, Gulfport and Hancock County. Miss.; the Boles and Nixa Fire Protection Fire Protection Districts, Highlandville, St. Joseph and St. Peters in Missouri; Nevada's Boulder City, Churchill County, Henderson and Las Vegas; Tuftonboro, N.H.; Del City and Sallisaw, Oklahoma; Plains Township, Penn.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Tennessee's Anderson and Blount Counties; Cibolo, Leon Valley, Liberty Hill, Prosper, San Antonio, Universal City, Uvalde and Waller in Texas; and Bridgeport, W.V.

The District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and numerous federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Prisons, use the I-Codes. For a complete list of I-Code adoptions, visit www.iccsafe.org.

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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