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International Code Council Applauds NYC Green Code Plans

The International Code Council (ICC), authors of the model codes that form the basis for New York City building regulations, have praised the announcement of Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Speaker Christine Quinn's Green Code Task Force regarding proposed, new legislation regulating the city's green construction practices. The ICC is offering the Task Force a reference document for the new effort — a new model code addressing green construction of commercial buildings entitled the *International Green Construction Code*, known as the IGCC. Interest in the IGCC has gained momentum in various states and localities where action is being contemplated to address the need for a regulatory approach to green construction.

“We look forward to providing New York City an important new resource with our new IGCC while its legislation is being drafted,” said the Code Council's Chief Executive Officer Richard P. Weiland. “Last July, New York City took the historic step of joining state and local jurisdictions across the United States in utilizing the family of International Codes as the basis for its laws governing residential and commercial construction, including a focus on building safety, fire suppression, plumbing, energy conservation, and high-rise buildings. Now the city can help lead the nation into the next generation of codes, making sure buildings are both safe and sustainable.”

The IGCC is designed to integrate and coordinate with the other International Codes already being enforced by the City and State of New York and all 50 states, including more than 20,000

U.S. jurisdictions used for safety and sustainability. The Code Council is finalizing the first public version of its IGCC, focused on commercial and high-performance buildings developed through an open development process with a diverse committee of code officials, industry representatives, environmental advocates, academics, and scientists. The IGCC is the first green code written to be consistent, coordinated, and integrated with the other International Codes, designed to be adoptable, useable, and enforceable. This first IGCC Public Version contains 11 chapters addressing a wide range of topics from conservation of materials, water, and energy, to land use and environmental quality.

The International Code Council is a non-profit, membership organization composed of governmental code officials in the building safety and fire suppression disciplines, architects, builders, building owners, contractors, tradespersons, industry representatives, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders interested in building safety and sustainability. The International Codes are used in every U.S. state and serve as the basis for regulating building safety and sustainability in nations around the world.

Today's New York City announcement is part of a series of initiatives from Mayor Bloomberg's and City Council Speaker Quinn's Task Force to promote green practices throughout the city.

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For more information on the Code Council and the IGCC, please go to www.iccsafe.org/igcc or contact Communications Vice President Steve Dagers at 1-888-422-7233 extension 4212.