

International Code Council Talking Points

About the International Code Council

- The International Code Council is a nonprofit association that is focused on building safety worldwide.
- We provide a wide range of building safety solutions including product evaluation, accreditation, certification, codification and training.
- We develop model codes and standards used worldwide to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures.
- The Code Council currently has members in over 40 countries that come from a variety of backgrounds; they are government officials, architects, engineers, contractors and students.

Council Family of Solutions

- The Code Council consists of multiple companies that all work together to make our buildings safer and our communities more resilient.
- The Code Council has seven subsidiaries – ICC Evaluation Service, International Accreditation Service, General Code, Community Development Solutions, NTA, S.K. Ghosh Associates and the Alliance for National and Community Resilience.
- The products and services we provide fall into eight main categories:
 - **Codes & Standards** – A global codes and standards developer.
 - **Training** – Education sessions for building safety, fire, design and construction professionals.
 - **Personnel Certification** – Professional certifications and construction trade licensing exams for code inspection, administration personnel and contractors.
 - **Product Evaluation & Testing** – Technical evaluations of building products, components, methods and materials as well as testing services, inspection, engineering, off-site construction plan review and code evaluation.
 - **Accreditation** – Accreditation services for a wide range of companies, from governmental organizations to commercial enterprises and trade associations.
 - **Content Management & Digitization** – Tools and resources for local governments and public organizations to produce greater efficiency and transparency for them and the communities they serve.

- **Technical Support & Consulting** – Publications, seminars, peer reviews, research projects, and code comparisons and interpretations for governments, designers, academics and industry professionals.
- **Resilience Benchmarks** – Transparent, practical and commonsense self-assessment for communities to quickly and easily gauge their cross-sector resilience efforts.

The Value of the I-Codes

- Due to the input of our members and stakeholders through the consensus-based code development process, the International Codes (I-Codes) are highly regarded and used in all 50 U.S. states and in many other countries. The I-Codes are the most widely used and adopted set of building safety codes in the world.
- Buildings built to updated codes incorporate the latest technology and provide the safest, most resilient structures for our families and communities to protect against building failures, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, high-rise fires and other modern-day disasters.
- Updated codes save time and resources after a disaster. The National Institute of Building Sciences released a study that found that adoption of the 2018 I-Codes generates a national benefit of \$11 for every \$1 invested.
- As technology around the building trades evolves and becomes more advanced, so do the I-Codes. Every three years, the Code Council undertakes a new code development process to ensure that the codes reflect the latest innovations in building science.

The Code Development Process

- The Code Council's role in the code development process, which takes place every three years, is to facilitate the process of developing model codes that benefit public safety and support the industry's need for one set of codes without regional limitations.
- The governmental consensus process the Code Council uses to govern code changes is open, transparent and inclusive, and seeks consensus through a series of public forums that are open to all.
- The Code Council encourages anyone who is interested in being part of the process to get involved. All code development forums are open to the public and anyone can apply to be on a code development committee.



- The Code Council has no influence on the outcome of code change votes and encourages a healthy debate about proposed changes. The process has built-in safeguards to prevent any one interest from dominating the proceedings.
- The final votes on all code changes are made by governmental member representatives, officials who are charged with protecting the public's health and safety and have no financial stake in the outcome.
- The code development process results in codes that provide the highest level of building safety in the world and represent a consensus of interested parties.