



North Dakota Division of Community Services Notice to Update and Amend the State Building Code March 2022

The North Dakota legislative assembly has mandated that the state building code consist of the International Building Code (IBC), International Residential Code (IRC), International Mechanical Code (IMC), and International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC). These are nationally recognized codes published by the International Code Council and updated nationally every three years. The North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services (DCS) is announcing its intentions to review and consider amendments to the newly published updates to the 2021 IBC, 2021 IRC, 2021 IMC, 2021 IFGC, 2021 IECC, and 2021 IEBC.

Attached is the Code Amendment Submittal Form (SFN 50180) and directions for completing the form. Proposed amendments to these four codes to be considered for adoption at the May 4th meeting should be submitted per the directions by 5:00 p.m. of April 25th, 2022 to DCS. The address is on the submittal form. Amendments submitted after that will be considered at the public hearing on July 12th.

The schedule for updating the North Dakota State Building Codes is as follows:

- **April 25th** all proposed amendments are due and must be received at DCS by 5:00 p.m. April 25th, 2022 to be assured consideration. **All proposed amendments received by this time will be considered.**
- **May 4th**, the Building Code Advisory Committee will meet to review the proposed amendments and to develop additional amendments.
- **By May 25th**, DCS will make available all proposed amendments to the Building Code Advisory Committee, participating jurisdictions and interested parties by posting on the website.
- **July 12th**, public hearing of the Building Code Advisory Committee to receive comments and develop recommendations on the proposed amendments.
- **July 28th**, DCS will make available the recommendations by the Building Code Advisory Committee on the proposed amendments to the eligible voting towns, cities, counties, and committee members by posting on the website. Letters will also go out to the jurisdictions about the registration process for the voting meeting.
- **September 7th**, meeting of the eligible voting jurisdictions and voting individuals to vote on the proposed amendments.
- **November 15th**, the 2023 North Dakota State Building Code will be posted on the website.
- **January 1, 2023**, effective date of the updated North Dakota State Building Code.

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