

Concerns & Priorities*

What has been heard so far from the Community*

- Potential unnecessary hardships for builders in the community?
- Previously unclear changes to standards?
- Potential cost concerns for property owners and builders?

These concerns and priorities have been explained further in the following slides

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Concerns Addressed*

Potentially unnecessary hardships for builders in the community?

- International Code Council is nationally recognized as the minimum safety standards that help ensure buildings are safe, durable, and built consistently regardless of who designs or constructs them.
- Zoning Ordinances and other City regulations dictate where and if a particular structure can be built; the ICC Codes set standards for building those structures.
- ICC Codes cover a myriad of building and occupancy types, many of which most municipalities will not encounter.
- **Local amendments** to the ICC Codes are another means to customize the ICC Codes for the municipality. The code can be amended after adoption as the need arises.

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Previously unclear changes and updates to the ICC Codes?

- Spreadsheet provided with all significant changes to the Codes organized by summary and further broken down into separate sections for each Code Book.

Significant Changes — Code Summary		
Code	Edition Comparison	Changes Listed
IBC	2015 → 2024	15
IRC	2015 → 2024	15
IMC	2015 → 2024	12
IPC	2015 → 2024	14
IFGC	2015 → 2024	12
IEBC	2015 → 2024	12
IECC	2015 → 2024	13
IFC	2015 → 2024	13
IPMC	2015 → 2024	13
ISPSC	2015 → 2024	13
NEC	2014 → 2023	15

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Potential cost concerns for property owners and builders?

- There is no verified method to measure the exact cost impact the updated codes would have on the bottom line of the construction process.
- The proposed updates do require stricter energy code compliance standards; however, those will yield long-term savings and increased property values based on the improved system's efficiency.
- A better ISO rating will help reduce the insurance premium for **residents and businesses**. Codes adopted within six years (2018) of the most recent code versions (2024) result in higher scores for the ISO calculations. With the release of the 2027 version in January 2027, 2015 codes will be obsolete.
 - ISO rating dictates insurance rates for the community.
 - Better ISO ratings result in lower insurance rates

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Potential cost concerns for property owners and builders?

- 2024 Windstorm requirements
 - State requirement
 - Brazoria County follows 2024
- Applicability
 - External and major changes.
 - Exceptions – interior or not affecting roofing/exterior/windows/doors/structure.
 - Need windstorm insurance for mortgage.

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Questionnaire Responses

Four responses

What concerns do you have regarding adoption of the 2024 ICC Codes?

1. Increased construction costs (3)
2. Increased design costs (3)
3. Additional documentation requirements
4. Extended review times
5. Training needs (2)
6. New inspection requirements (2)
7. Energy Code requirements
8. Fire protection requirements (1)
9. None
10. Other (please specify) - No comments

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