

CHAPTER 7 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE II. – BUILDING CODE

Sec. 7-26. – Adoption of technical codes.

The following codes, in the editions listed below, together with all appendices thereto, except as amended by this article, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, as if fully set forth herein:

Code	Edition
International Building Code (IBC)	2024
International Existing Building Code (IEBC)	2024
International Residential Code (IRC)	2024 (as amended herein)
International Fire Code (IFC)	2024 (as amended herein)
International Mechanical Code (IMC)	2024
International Plumbing Code (IPC)	2024 (as amended herein)
International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)	2024
International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSA)	2024
International Private Sewage Disposal Code (IPSDC)	2024
National Electrical Code (NEC)	2017 (as amended herein)
International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)	2024 (as amended herein)

Sec. 7-27. – Continuation of local amendments.

All local amendments, deletions, and exceptions previously adopted by the City of Tupelo to the International Codes shall remain in full force and effect and shall apply to the editions adopted herein unless expressly modified by this article.

Sec. 7-28. – National Electrical Code amendments.

The National Electrical Code (2017 Edition) is adopted with the following local amendments:

(a) Nonmetallic-sheathed cable shall be restricted to **wood-frame construction only** in commercial buildings.

(b) **No aluminum or copper-clad aluminum conductors** shall be permitted inside any building. All branch circuit, feeder, and service conductors shall be **copper**, except for utility-owned conductors ahead of the service disconnect where approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

(c) No general-purpose or lighting circuit shall contain conductors smaller than **#12 AWG copper**.

(d) Any electrical service rated **3,000 amperes or less** shall be provided with a **single external means of disconnect**. Where multiple disconnecting means are permitted, each shall be **clearly labeled** to indicate the total number of disconnects installed.

Sec. 7-29. – International Residential Code amendments.

The International Residential Code (2024 Edition) is adopted as amended below:

(a) **Chapter 11 deleted.**

Chapter 11 of the IRC is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

R11.1 – Local Energy Efficiency Standard.

Attic insulation: **R-30 continuous**

Exterior wall insulation: **R-13 cavity or continuous equivalent**

All penetrations and attic access openings shall be sealed.

(b) **Cooking exhaust – all residential occupancies.** (*Former Sec. 7-134*)

Applicability. This section applies to all residential occupancies, including Group R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 regulated by the International Building Code, and all one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses regulated by the International Residential Code.

Amendment. IRC Section M1503.2 is amended to read:

Domestic cooking exhaust equipment shall be installed where cooking appliances produce grease or smoke as a result of the cooking process and shall comply with the following:

1. Overhead range hood and downdraft exhaust fans shall be listed and labeled in accordance with **UL 507**.

2. Overhead range hoods and downdraft exhaust equipment with integral fans shall comply with **UL 507**.
3. Domestic cooking appliances with integral downdraft exhaust equipment shall be listed and labeled in accordance with **UL 858 or ANSI Z21.1**.
4. Microwave ovens with integral exhaust systems installed over cooking surfaces shall be listed and labeled in accordance with **UL 923**.

IBC Cross-Reference. This amendment shall be enforced in conjunction with IBC Sections 1203 and 2801 and the International Mechanical Code.

(c) GFCI modification.

All references in the IRC requiring GFCI protection for **125/250-volt circuits** are deleted. GFCI protection shall be required only where mandated by the locally adopted National Electrical Code.

(d) Kitchen island and peninsula receptacles.

Notwithstanding any provision of the IRC, kitchen island and peninsula receptacle outlets shall be installed in accordance with the **2023 National Electrical Code**, including location, quantity, and permitted methods of installation. This requirement applies to all IRC dwellings and Group R occupancies regulated by the IBC.

(e) AFCI modifications.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the IRC, AFCI protection shall only be required for circuits serving outlets or devices in Bedrooms.

Sec. 7-30. – International Plumbing Code amendment.

The International Plumbing Code (2024 Edition) is adopted with the following local amendment:

Cellular or co-extruded PVC shall not be installed below or within the slab of any building.

Sec. 7-31. – International Property Maintenance Code amendments.

The International Property Maintenance Code (2024 Edition) is adopted with the following amendments:

(a) **Board of appeals.** Section 111 is amended to provide that the **Tupelo License Commission**, as set forth in section 7-147 of this Code, shall serve as the Board of Appeals.

(b) **Citation authority.** Chapter 1, Sections 107.2 through 107.4 are deleted and replaced with:

107.1 Citation to person responsible. Whenever the code official determines that there has been a violation of this code or has grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, a citation shall be given in the manner prescribed in Municipal Code Section 4, Section 7-2, and the City of Tupelo Development Code, Chapter 17.

(c) **Weeds and exterior property.** Section 302.4 is amended to read:

Premises shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth exceeding the standards set forth in Chapter 13, Article II, Sections 13-16.1 and 13-16.2 of this Code.

Sec. 7-32. – International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (2024 Edition) is hereby adopted.

Sec. 7-33. – International Private Sewage Disposal Code.

The International Private Sewage Disposal Code (2024 Edition) is hereby adopted.

Sec. 7-34. – Conflict of laws.

Where any provision of the codes adopted by this article conflicts with any provision of this Code of Ordinances, the **more restrictive requirement shall govern.**

Sec. 7-35. – Penalties.

Any person violating any provision of the codes adopted by this article shall be punished as provided in Chapter 1 of this Code.

Editor's note—

An ordinance adopted _____, 2026 repealed the 2018 International Codes and adopted the 2024 editions as set forth herein.