ICC CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

HOW IT WORKS

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL®

The International Code Council develops the International Codes, a coordinated, modern set of building codes used in all 50 U.S. states and many other countries. Changes to the I-Codes are made through a transparent and inclusive consensus-based process that complies with the OMB Circular A-119.

STAGE ONE

CODE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

Anyone can apply to serve on one of the committees that preside over the Committee Action Hearings (CAH).

The Codes and Standards Council makes recommendations based on these applications to the ICC Board, which appoints members to the committees.

Members of each committee fall into <u>one of three interest categories</u>:

- **General:** government regulatory agencies.
- **User:** building owners, designers, insurance companies, private inspection agencies, academics.
- **Producer:** builders, contractors, manufacturers, distributors.

CODE CHANGE SUBMISSION AND REVIEW

Anyone can submit code change proposals via ICC's cloud-based program, cdpACCESS™.

ICC staff reviews each proposal and assigns them to the applicable Code Development Committee.

STAGE TWO

COMMITTEE ACTION HEARINGS

CAH

At the CAH, code development committees **approve, approve with modifictions** or **disapprove** each code change proposal.

Any participants may challenge the committee actions. ICC members vote on these challenges online. Approved challenges result in an automatic public comment to be considered at the PCH.

PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMISSION AND REVIEW

Anyone can submit public comments via cdpACCESS™ on the results of the CAH.

PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS

PCH

At the PCH, eligible voters discuss and vote on code change proposals.

Eligible voters work for government agencies protecting the public's health and safety and have no financial stake in the outcome.

STAGE THREE

ONLINE GOVERNMENTAL CONSENSUS VOTE

Following the PCH, eligible voters vote online. **The final vote count combines the in-person PCH and online votes.** The Validation Committee reviews and the ICC Board confirms the final results.

NEW EDITION PUBLISHED

An updated edition of the International Codes is published every three years.

The Code Council also develops a number of codes and standards, including mechanical, plumbing, structural, resilience, accessibility and green standards, and is accredited by the American National Standards Institute as a standards developer.