

# ICC Government Relations' Chapter Monthly Update



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**SAVE THE DATE!** Code Council to lead online discussion with code officials, stake holders **October 27**  
Your thoughts as an ICC code official and as a stake holder are valued in a special webinar scheduled for **Wednesday, October 27**. ICC staff are organizing the webinar on the subject of existing building maintenance and inspections. It will not be a webinar with PowerPoint presentations, but will feature a panel of subject matter experts who participated [in the recent West Palm Beach, Fla., discussion](#). The objective is to create a dialogue on best practices, personal experiences and your professional suggestions. More information is coming on the event. For now, just mark your calendar for October 27.

**ICC Learn Live!** Registration is now open for this fall's online training event **November 15-18**

You can now register for classes offered in the Code Council's unique virtual training event set for November 15-18. The four-day online event will focus on these topic areas:

- Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC Digital Transformation)
- Technology Collaboration Solutions
- Building to Improve Communities
- Unique Building Structures
- 2021 I-Code® changes

ICC Learn Live! is a platform to continue supporting and connecting with its members, customers, and partners. [Click here to see the schedule](#) of individual courses, CEU values and instructors.

**Virginia's Cindy Davis heads the Code Council's 2021-2022 Board of Directors as the new president**

International Code Council members welcomed a new slate of officers and directors to its 2021–2022 board of directors during the Annual Business Meeting on Sept. 20 at the ICC Annual Conference in Pittsburgh. Three senior officers were elected to the executive committee and five directors were elected or re-elected by eligible Governmental Member Voting Representatives and Honorary Members. The new President of the ICC Board is Cindy Davis of Virginia, who succeeds Colorado's Greg Wheeler, who served two years as president and will now serve as Immediate Past President. The new vice president is Michael Wich of Louisiana and California's Stuart Tom was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Two new members on the Board are Maine's Benjamin Breadmore who won an at-large seat and Randy Metz of Carlsbad, Calif, sectional director. Kris Bridges of Martinsville, Va., was elected to a second term as a sectional director, and Jim Sayers of Oregon and David Spencer of Washington were re-elected as at-large directors. [Read more here](#).

**TUNE IN 3 P.M. EASTERN OCT. 7: [Getting the Most Out of FEMA's Billion Dollar FY2021 BRIC Program](#)**

Now in its second year, FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program is the agency's \$1 billion mitigation grant program. BRIC prioritizes the adoption and enforcement of hazard resistant building codes and makes funding available for adoption activities (including staff time and consultant costs), training including the Code Council's When Disaster Strikes Institute, certifications, building department accreditation, electronic permitting, and online access to codes and standards. For FY2021, BRIC includes \$56 million in state/territory allocations (up to \$1 million for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories) and another \$25 million specifically set-aside for all federally recognized Tribal Governments. [This webinar at 3 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, October 7, features panelists](#) from FEMA, state and local government, and the private sector who'll share best practices for how to successfully leverage BRIC funding.

**The 2021 Group A Public Comment Hearings have concluded: Watch for the start of online voting**

The 2021 Group A Public Comment Hearings were held in person from Sept. 21–25 in Pittsburgh following the ICC annual conference. This year, there were 300-plus code changes on the agenda. The

unofficial Public Comment Hearing results can be found here. Keep an eye out for the upcoming Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV), scheduled to begin the week of October 11 and run two weeks.

### **AND THE AWARD WINNERS ARE: Code Council honors public service and support in the 2021 awards**

The International Code Council honored [outstanding individuals and organizations](#) for their accomplishments and service to their communities, the building safety industry and the Code Council during the 2021 Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Penn., including a new award, The Trailblazer Award.

- **Bobby J. Fowler Award** — William Dupler, Chesterfield County, Va.
- **Gerald H. Jones Code Official of the Year Award** — James Moss, Galax, Va.
- **Robert W. Gain Fire Prevention Leadership Award** — Michael O’Brian, Brighton Area Fire Authority, Mich.
- **ICC Educator of the Year Award** — Glenn Mathewson, BuildingCodeCollege.com
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Sara Yerkes, Senior Vice President of Government Relations
- **William J. Tangye Staff Recognition Award** – Michael Temesvary, Vice President of Sales and Relations, ICC Evaluation Services
- **ICC Community Service Award** — Mike Haugen, Topeka, Kan.
- **Meritorious Service Award** — Rocco Davis, Laborers’ International Union of North America
- **ICC Raising the Profile Award** — Jason Bush, Cottage Grove, Ore.
- **Excellence in Public Safety Award** — Henry Kelly, Island Heights, N.J.
- **Chapter of the Year Award** — Central Arizona Chapter of ICC
- **Chapter Merit Awards** — Chemeketa Chapter (Oregon) and the Los Angeles Basin Chapter
- **Trailblazer Award** — Frederick “Rick” Herzberger, McKinney, Texas
- **Innovation in Code Administration Award** — City of Modesto, Calif.
- **National Leadership in Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Awards** — Ana Salguiero, Miami Beach, and the Urban Sustainability Directors Network
- **ICC Global Membership Award** — Abdul Latif Helaly, Urban Resilience Project: RAJUK
- **PMG Leadership Award** — Daniel Rademacher, Viega Trades Education Network

### **Please take a couple minutes to list your jurisdiction’s building codes on this simple online form**

The ICC Government Relations team is compiling a spreadsheet of locally adopted building codes and is asking for your help. [Please click here and list the current International Codes](#) that your jurisdiction has adopted. **It’s quick and super easy!** This improved recordkeeping of local jurisdictions will be helpful to all code officials in the International Code Council and for our field efforts. Please take a couple minutes and submit it at the bottom of the page. Thank you for your time and cooperation!

**NOTE:** There is a **new feature** on the ICC website’s front page, a **tic tac toe box** in the upper right corner to help you easily navigate the website. Seen circled in red below, it replaces the green navigation bar.



### **ROUND 2 HAS STARTED: FEMA’s BRIC program doubles the money for code adoptions, code activities**

The application period opened September 30, which means the second round of Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program is set to award \$1 billion for pre-disaster mitigation grants. This is an opportunity for jurisdictions to submit applications for programs and services to improve their code adoption, enforcement, and operations because BRIC prioritizes the adoption and enforcement of hazard resistant building codes and makes funding available for adoption activities. You can [click here](#) for a fact sheet on how the FY2021 BRIC program promotes the adoption and enforcement of hazard resistant codes. Save these dates:

- Thursday, October 7: [“Getting the Most Out of FEMA’s Billion Dollar FY2021 BRIC Program.”](#)
- Application Deadline: January 28, 2022
- **Note:** Local governments must apply through their states. Many states have fixed sub-application deadlines that precede the application deadline. Contact your State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) to confirm your state’s deadline. [Click here](#) to find your SHMO’s contact information.
- Identify your department’s needs that qualify for BRIC funding.

- [Click here](#) for FEMA’s BRIC Building Code Activities document.
- **Note:** Code activities are eligible as a “Capability- and Capacity-Building” (C&CB) activity under \$1 million State/Territory and Tribal set-asides.
- Reach out to your jurisdiction’s Mitigation Officer and share your department’s needs and discuss the application process. Coordinate with your ICC chapter and state agencies.
- Forthcoming FEMA webinars on BRIC can be accessed [here](#). And please contact us, [advocacy@iccsafe.org](mailto:advocacy@iccsafe.org), with any questions.

### **New toolkit is available for code officials’ use in the Code Council’s ‘Code on a Mission’ challenge**

ICC’s “Code on a Mission” challenge aims to have more than one-third of the U.S. population covered by the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code by the end of 2023. A new toolkit supports communities and advocates with adoption of the 2021 IECC and its appendices, and consideration of the 2021 International Green Construction Code, with various helpful resources. [View toolkit](#) here.

### **Register today for Global Connections Day on the role of the built environment in extreme weather**

On Tuesday, October 12, the [Global Connections Day, a Virtual event](#), will feature experts from around the world who will convene for an interactive day to discuss the role of the built environment in the global challenges of extreme weather and the increasing need for resilience. The event starts 10 a.m. Central with Martina Otto of the Cities Unit, UN Environment Programme and head of the GlobalABC Secretariat, who will address advancing mitigation through building codes, followed with case studies from Europe, North Africa and the Caribbean. At 3:30 p.m. Eastern, Alice Hill, a David M. Rubenstein Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment Council on Foreign Relations, will keynote, followed by a discussion on insurance, codes and climate with insurance industry experts. Registered attendees will earn 0.4 ICC CEUs toward renewals. [Read more and register here for this valuable online event.](#)

### **ELMC challenges each ICC Chapter to recruit at least one new member to the Membership Council**

The ICC [Emerging Leaders Membership Council](#) last week initiated a challenge to each Code Council chapter to recruit at least one person to join the ELMC. ELMC Governing Committee Chair Allison Cook said the membership council was created by the ICC Board of Directors to help recruit young professionals to take up code careers and to prepare its membership for positions in various Code Council committees, membership councils and governance of the 64,000-member association. “You really can’t find a better avenue to learn about your profession and about the Code Council and its mission than by becoming a member of the Emerging Leaders Membership Council,” she said. The ELMC holds online meetings six times a year and two in-person meetings. It is a valuable key to learning and making lifelong professional relationships. Emails are being sent to each chapter with information on the signup campaign. To sign up today, go to [the ICC Membership Councils webpage](#) and click on the icon for the Emerging Leaders Membership Council. All ICC members are eligible for all six Membership Councils and there is no cost to become a member.

### **Electric vehicle resource assists communities to set policies for electric vehicle charging requirements**

The International Code Council has announced the publication of a new educational resource on electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and building codes titled [Electric Vehicles and Building Codes: A Strategy for Greenhouse Gas Reductions](#). This is the first in a series of resources set to be published with the aim of supporting communities in achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals in a safe and efficient manner. The framework presents solutions already implemented by jurisdictions which have chosen to enact policies aimed at supporting increased EV deployment. The model language presented in the resource is intended to provide communities with approaches that can reflect local needs and enables the policies and guidelines they set to be directly integrated into the International Codes (I-Codes®) family of building safety solutions. [Read more here.](#)

### **Pandemic task force seeks resources to prepare buildings and communities for disease-related threats**

The International Code Council and the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) [established a task force on pandemics](#) late last year to develop resources to better prepare buildings and communities for disease-related threats. The [Board Task Force on Pandemics](#) analyzes all aspects of the built environment to find solutions that reduce the risks. It completes a comprehensive review of the current

code requirements, existing guides, executive orders, regulations, white papers, reports and standards related to the design, preparedness and health considerations for building construction, operation and pandemics. The group also identifies best practices and guides to address the design and layout of new and existing buildings and establishes a comprehensive package of information. [Read more here](#).

### **IAS accredits the inspection practices of companies that assemble metal building systems**

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) assesses metal building assembly companies on multiple areas (erection activities, safety training, management system, personnel qualifications, compliance with project specifications). The assessment is based on IAS Accreditation Criteria AC478, which helps building departments ensure metal buildings are assembled by competent companies with qualified personnel and to specifications. Building departments can verify if companies are accredited to IAS AC478 by viewing their Certificate of Accreditation on the IAS website. Companies that are not accredited can be referred to IAS. Building departments can also volunteer to participate in IAS meetings to maintain accreditation criteria. [Read more here](#).

### **Adoptable appendices exist in the International Residential Code for cob construction and tiny houses**

Mike Pfeiffer, P.E., Senior Vice President of ICC Technical Services, outlines new adoptable appendices in the 2021 IRC for cob construction and tiny houses in a Building Safety Journal article. [Read more here](#).

### **October 12 is deadline for code change submittals for the 2024 IECC and Chapter 11 of the 2024 IRC**

Code change proposals for the development of its 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and Chapter 11 of the International Residential Code (IRC) will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on October 12. As established through the Code Council's recently released energy efficiency framework, *Leading the Way to Energy Efficiency: A Path Forward on Energy and Sustainability to Confront a Changing Climate*, the 2024 IECC and Chapter 11 of the IRC will be updated using the Code Council's American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approved standards process. To submit a code change proposal, visit the new energy only version of cdpACCESS [here](#). For more information on ICC's energy initiatives, the framework and related FAQs, visit [www.iccsafe.org/energy](http://www.iccsafe.org/energy). [Read more here](#).

### **December 31 is the new deadline for applications for the Emory R. Rodgers Fellowship funding**

Named for one of the Code Council's greatest mentors, the Emory R. Rodgers Leadership in Building Safety Fellowship is available annually to a building safety professional who has demonstrated an executive-level career path and wants to further develop leadership skills through an eligible executive development program. The fellowship will afford up to \$20,000 dollars to cover the full cost of the education program and the award recipient's travel to and from the program. Applications are currently being accepted and the new deadline is December 31. Take a look at this [video](#) featuring Chris Landreth, City of Tracy (CA) Supervising Building Inspector and inaugural recipient of the fellowship. Questions? Contact Vice President of Member Services Karla Higgs at [khiggs@iccsafe.org](mailto:khiggs@iccsafe.org). [Read more here](#).

### **EduCode 2022 to mark its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with in-person and virtual courses February 28-March 4**

Information for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of EduCode is available now. This huge training event with more than 80 different courses is set for February 28 to March 4, 2022, presented by the Southern Nevada Chapter of ICC. It now offers both in-person and virtual classes to meet the demands and necessities of its attendees. [Click here to view the course schedule and to register online](#). It will be held in-person at [The Orleans in Las Vegas](#).

### **President Davis: What we achieve today will be carried throughout our industry for years to come**

Newly elected International Code Council Board of Directors President Cindy Davis, CBO, deputy director of the Division of Building and Fire Regulations for the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, recently spoke in Pittsburgh on the importance of preparing for the future by remaining focused on transforming our organization to meet the new expectations being placed on the building safety industry through the use of technologies, welcoming new professionals to the industry, implementing programs to encourage a diverse organization, and embracing new leaders and the next generation. [Read more here](#). Also, you can see the video recapping the past year. [Click here](#).



## ICC Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas updates

### **The 2018 Plumbing Code Essentials series takes a deep dive on backflow prevention device functions**

The ultimate protection against backflow is to not have a connection between the potable water system and any source of contamination, and the best method for accomplishing that is to provide an air gap, which is a vertical separation between the outlet discharge from the potable system to the flood level rim of a fixture, reservoir, tank, etc. The physical air gap is basically two times the diameter of the effective opening, but in no case less than 1 inch. Some fixtures, appliances and products may have the air gap built-in with an air gap complying with ASME A112.1.2 or an air gap fitting complying with ASME A112.1.3. Where the product is listed as complying with either of these standards, it is considered to be code compliant. [Read more here from the 2018 Plumbing Code Essentials.](#)

### **Significant changes to public restroom privacy explained in 2021 International Building Code excerpt**

An addition to Section 1210.3 (Restroom Privacy) of the 2021 International Building Code states that concerns regarding privacy within public restrooms have been addressed by requiring a screening element at the entry to the restroom. [View excerpt](#) here.

### **PHCC announces Mark Ingrao to succeed CEO Michael Copp who is set to retire in December 2021**

The Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) recently announced Mark S. Ingrao, CCP, CAE, was selected as its new Chief Executive Officer. Current PHCC CEO Michael Copp will retire from PHCC in December 2021, and Ingrao officially assumes duties as CEO on October 22 during PHCC's Annual Business Meeting at PHCCCONNECT2021 in Kansas City, Missouri. Ingrao brings more than 18 years of executive-level association management experience, most recently serving as CEO of the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association. [Read more here.](#)



## Upcoming from the Learning Center: Institutes, training, webinars, etc.

Online learning is available from the [ICC Learning Center](#). Find course [listings you'd like to attend](#) in the ICC Learning Center using the Search function. Some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **October 4-8 - [2018 Residential Building Inspector B1 Certification Test Academy.](#)**
- **October 6 - [Complaint Management from Start to Finish.](#)**
- **October 6 - 2021 Residential Building Inspector Webinar Series: [Existing Buildings.](#)**
- **October 13 - [2018 IBC Special Topics Day 1.](#)**
- **October 14 - [2018 IBC Special Topics Day 2.](#)**
- **October 19-21 - [2018 Permit Technician - 14 Certification Test Academy.](#)**
- **October 27 - [Legal Aspects of Code Administration.](#)**

The following are online courses that you can take at any time. Here are some popular online courses:

- [2018 Residential Building Inspector - B1 Study Guide](#)
- [2018 Commercial Building Inspector - B2 Study Guide](#)
- [2018 Commercial Electrical Inspector - E2 Study Guide](#)
- [2015 Commercial Plumbing Inspector - P1 Study Guide](#)
- [2015 IFC® Fire Inspector I - 66 Study Guide](#)
- [Architect and Engineer Design Coordination](#)
- [Basic Blueprint Reading & Related Math](#)
- [Evaluating Preliminary Building Plan Review Requirements](#)
- [Flood Vents](#)
- [Green Building Materials: An Introduction](#)
- [IBC® - Significant Changes from the 2012 to the 2015 Edition](#)
- [International Building Code & More: Code Officials and Code Processes](#)
- [Reducing Risk: Preparing to be an Expert Witness in a Deposition and Trial](#)
- [Residential Energy Inspector/Plans Examiner 79 Online Prep Course](#)
- [Smart Management: Methods for Motivating and Mentoring Your Team](#)
- [Worksite Safety 01: OSHA Safety Introduction](#)

Check out more [upcoming learning opportunities here.](#)