

North Central Texas Council Of Governments

TO: Local Governments throughout
North Central Texas

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SUBJECT: 2015 International Codes and Regional Code Amendments for North Central Texas

The North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG) Executive Board, upon the recommendation of the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC) and its Advisory Boards, endorsed the most recent regional amendments to the 2015 International Codes on September 17, 2015. Furthermore, the Executive Board encourages your jurisdiction to adopt the following 2015 International Codes and regional amendments by January 31, 2016:

- International Building Codes
- International Energy Conservation Code
- International Existing Building Code
- International Fire Code
- International Fuel Gas Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Plumbing Code
- International Residential Code

Regional amendments to the 2015 International Codes can be found at the following website: www.nctcog.org/envir/codes. In addition, the Executive Board previously endorsed the 2014 National Electrical Code and regional amendments which are available for adoption.

Please Note:

In review of local government's adoption of code amendments, there is a wide range in the fire-fighting philosophies/capabilities of cities across the region; the consensus of the RCCC has been to include both an OPTION "A" and an OPTION "B" in the fire, building and residential code amendments. Jurisdictions should choose one or the other based on their fire-fighting philosophies/capabilities when adopting code amendments.

Notice of Codes Workshop

On November 5, 2015, a free 2015 International Building and Fire Code Workshop will be offered to cover the regional code review process, results of a recent Regional Code Adoption Survey, presentations from Texas A&M Energy Systems Laboratory and South-central Partnership for Energy Efficiency as a Resource, a summary of the 2015 recommended amendments, and upcoming building code training. Register for the workshop at <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/events.asp>.

Regional Code Amendments Background

NCTCOG has actively promoted the standardization of model construction codes since 1967 in an effort to simplify the construction process, advance the safety of building systems, promote common code interpretation, facilitate the mobility of contractors, and reduce training and construction costs. The ultimate goal is regional uniformity in the model construction codes for the North Central Texas region. NCTCOG feels strongly that municipalities, contractors, architects, builders, and manufacturers will benefit from the positive economic results coming from achievement of that goal.

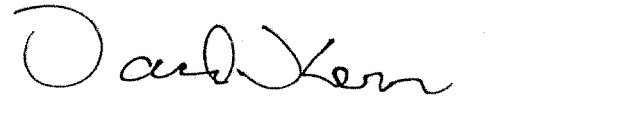
In 2014, the NCTCOG's RCCC directed its Advisory Boards to review the International Code Council's 2015 family of model construction codes. The Advisory Boards, comprised of over 100 code professionals representing local jurisdictions and professional associations, held open meetings to consider the codes and achieve consensus on any needed regional amendments.

As a follow-up measure, the RCCC intends to submit some of the regional amendments as proposed changes during the next international code change cycle. In the past, several NCTCOG regional amendments have been incorporated into the codes at the national level.

NCTCOG appreciates your local government's support of our continued efforts toward regional code uniformity. For more information regarding regional codes, contact Sandra Barba, Senior Planner, Department of Environment and Development, at sbarba@nctcog.org, or 817.608.2368. Please send a copy of your adopted ordinance(s) to NCTCOG including any amendments. Your ordinance will help us to document the effectiveness of the codes coordination effort in our region and may be used to provide a model to other jurisdictions.



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