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UPDATE ON ADOPTED CODES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN RULE

The Board of Manufactured Housing ("Board") adopts rules imposing minimum construction requirements for factory-built-buildings and for the design, construction, alteration, reconstruction and installation of units and accessory structures. The Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety ("Department") is required to impose minimum construction requirements that are reasonably consistent with nationally recognized and accepted practices.

The Board was granted an exception to the Governor's rulemaking moratorium in 2011 to update and add codes to comply with statute. The Department received a Certificate of Approval of Final Rules issued by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council on April 4, 2012 and that Approval was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on that same date. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 41-1032 (A), the rules are effective 60 days after being filed with the Office of the Secretary of State, or on June 4, 2012.

Below is a summary of the current codes compared to the updated codes:

Reference	Current	Updated to
International Building Code (IBC)	2003 edition	2009 edition *
International Residential Code (IRC)	2003 edition	2009 edition *
International Mechanical Code (IMC)	2003 edition	2009 edition
International Plumbing Code (IPC)	Uniform Plumbing Code, 1994 edition	2009 edition
International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)	None	2009 edition
International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)	None	2009 edition
National Electric Code	2002 edition	2008 edition

Updated Rules are effective June 4, 2012

What It Means for Plan Review Submittals

The Department understands that there may be existing quotes and pending purchase orders for many businesses impacted by the new rules; therefore, the following consideration is offered:

- Quotes to customers dated between April 1, 2012 through June 3, 2012 for the construction or installation of homes or buildings must be submitted along with the Application for Plan Review to allow the acceptance of the prior codes (see “Current” column in the table above);
- Purchase Orders with customers dated between April 1, 2012 through June 3, 2012 for the construction or installation of homes or buildings may be submitted along with the Application for Plan Review to allow the acceptance of the prior codes (see “Current” column in the table above);
- Plans that have already been submitted to the Department and are currently pending approval will allow the prior codes (see “Current” column in the table above) to be accepted by the Department; and
- Plans submitted to the Department on or after June 4, 2012 that do not include a quote or purchase order as defined above must meet the updated code requirements.

* The following exceptions were made to the updated codes:

1. IBC and IRC
 - a. A water or gas connection may be a flexible connection if the flexible connector:
 - i. Is not more than six feet long,
 - ii. Is of the rated size necessary to supply the total demand of the unit, and
 - iii. Is made of materials that comply with the IPC and IFGC.
2. IRC excludes Section 313, Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems.

Thank you.

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