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### **The Code Council calls for input on changes to the building codes that keep our communities safe and resilient**

*The code development hearings in April provide all interested parties an opportunity to review proposed changes to the 2021 I-Codes*

**Washington, D.C.** – The International Code Council is hosting its 2019 Committee Action Hearings from April 28 to May 8, 2019, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hearing participants will address potential changes to the International Codes (I-Codes) based on proposals from the building safety community, including code officials, architects, builders, engineers, and fire and energy conservation professionals, among others.

The I-Codes are the most widely used and adopted set of modern building safety codes; they protect against fires, weather-related events, structural collapse and other disasters. The Code Council code development process is transparent, accessible and inclusive, and all interested parties are encouraged to participate in the development of the 2021 I-Codes.

The April hearings cover the Group B I-Codes. Group B includes administrative chapters for the I-Codes as well as updates to currently referenced standards; structural provisions in the International Building Code; the International Existing Building Code; the International Energy Conservation Code (commercial and residential); the building and energy provisions in the International Residential Code; and Chapter 1 of the International Green Construction Code.

“Our code development process is based on consensus building, and we rely on input from a wide range of stakeholders to ensure that our codes reflect the evolving needs of our communities,” said Code Council Board President William R. Bryant, MCP, CBO. “Our process is designed to continuously improve the I-Codes so they incorporate the latest technology and keep the millions of people they impact safer.”

The 2019 Group B [proposed code changes](#) are now available along with the [hearing schedule](#). Proponents of code changes are strongly encouraged to view their proposals for accuracy and bring any discrepancies to the attention of Code Council staff by Wednesday, March 27, for inclusion in the 2019 update document scheduled to post in early April.

To register for the April Committee Action Hearings, visit [www.iccsafe.org/springhearings](http://www.iccsafe.org/springhearings). A live video feed will be available online for those who cannot attend the hearings in person.

Additional resources:

- Download infographics about the process: [How It Works](#) and [By the Numbers](#).
- For more information about the code development process, [click here](#).
- Join the conversation on social media using #2019codehearings.

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#### **About the International Code Council**

The [International Code Council](#) is a member-focused association dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets [choose the International Codes](#).