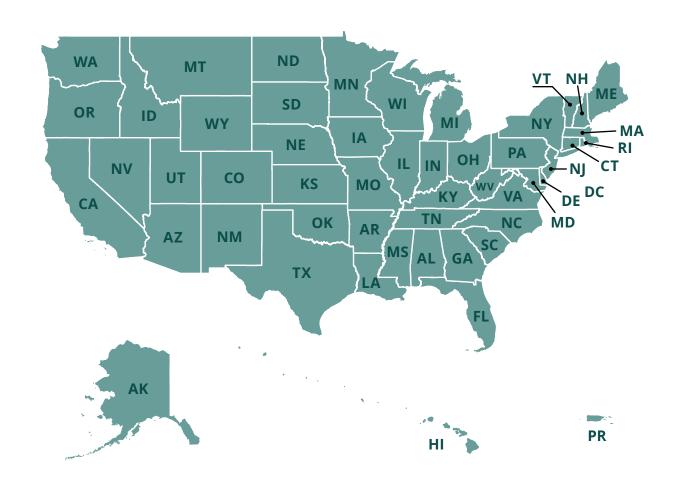
Appendix B State-by-State Amendment Procedures

State-by-state amendment procedures

Alabama	Indiana	Nebraska	South Carolina
Alaska	lowa	Nevada	South Dakota
Arizona	Kansas	New Hampshire	Tennessee
Arkansas	Kentucky	New Jersey	Texas
California	Louisiana	New Mexico	Utah
Colorado	Maine	New York	Vermont
Connecticut	Maryland	North Carolina	Virginia
Delaware	Massachusetts	North Dakota	Washington
Florida	Michigan	Ohio	West Virginia
Georgia	Minnesota	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
Hawaii	Mississippi	Oregon	Wyoming
Idaho	Missouri	Pennsylvania	Puerto Rico
Illinois	Montana	Rhode Island	Washington D.C.



EXAMPLE

Telephone: number to call to learn more about code requirements in your state

Website: online information about code requirements in your state

Adopting entity: entity responsible for overseeing adoption of new codes

Full/Partial/None: refers to whether there are statewide code mandates for all building types; some

mandates for some building types (partial); or no state-level code requirements

State Amendments allowed: indicates whether the state level codes can be adopted **Local Amendments allowed:** indicates if the code can be amended at the local level

Form: Is there a required form that needs to be submitted as part of the amendment application

Link: What is the online link for the form

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: do these variables needs to be addressed in the proposed amendment

Language: Is there specific language that needs to be cited and/or proposed as part of the amendment

Reason: Does the applicant need to provide a reason for the proposed code amendment? **Cost:** Does the applicant need to provide a cost impact statement as part of the amendment?

Stakeholders: Does the amendment process require certain stakeholders to be consulted as part of this

amendment

Filed with/approved by state: What filing requirements and approval processes are mandated at the state

level

ALABAMA

Tel: (334) 242-5330

Website: https://adeca.alabama.gov/energycodes

Adopting entity: Alabama Residential and Energy Code Board for residential and energy code

Full/Partial/None: Partial, local jurisdictions adopt commercial building code

State Amendments allowed: Yes, for residential and energy code **Local Amendments allowed:** Yes, for commercial building code

Form: Yes

Link: Contact board clerk at number above for copy of form.

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: Yes

Language: As indicated on form

Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: Recommended to file with state. No state approval required.

Local jurisdictions can modify the state residential code and energy code as long as it is more restrictive. There is no statewide commercial building code and local jurisdictions can adopt the commercial building code. There are no limitations on adoption of the commercial code.

ALASKA

Tel: 907-269-5491

Website: https://dps.alaska.gov/Fire/Home

Adopting entity: State Fire Marshal's Office recommends to Lt Governor

Full/Partial/None: Full (No residential 4 or less units)

State Amendments allowed: Anybody **Local Amendments allowed:** Stricter only

Code Change Submittal Form: Yes

Link: dps.alaska.gov/getmedia/4a8d4159-c424-41ee-997e-4c220bc86f85/Code-Change-Request-Form.

docx

Based on Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No restrictions

Language: Legislative

Reason: Yes

Cost: Not required

Stakeholders: No required

Filed with/approved by state: not required

Alaska has a process to review and adopt changes to the base building code:

1 Must state proposed wording for the change to wording in the base code.

2 Statement related to the need and reasons for change

ARIZONA

Tel: 602-771-1400 (SFM for fire code only)

Website: https://dffm.az.gov/fire-marshals-office

Adopting entity: Local jurisdiction adopt their own building code. State Fire Marshall adopts the State Fire

Code

Full/Partial/None: NA

State Amendments allowed: NA, there is no statewide building code

Local Amendments allowed: Yes

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: NA

No statewide building codes. Local jurisdictions can adopt whatever edition of the building code desired. There is no state review or approval.

ARKANSAS

Tel: 501-618-8601

Website: https://www.dps.arkansas.gov/law-enforcement/arkansas-state-police/divisions/

regulatory-building/

Adopting entity: State Fire Marshal with recommendations from appointed council and review by

legislature

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, anyone during public comment period

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, if they are more restrictive

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: No

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: Filing and approval required

CALIFORNIA

https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC/Codes

California has a well-documented process for local amendments to Title 24, the California Building Standards Code. The procedures are in the "Guide for Local Amendments of Building Standards."

COLORADO

Tel: 303-866-3079

Website: https://osa.colorado.gov/ Adopting entity: No statewide code

Full/Partial/None: None, state buildings only adopted by State Architect and Fire Marshal

State Amendments allowed: NA

Local Amendments allowed: Codes adopted locally

Form: NA Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: NA

No statewide building codes except for public buildings. Local jurisdiction can adopt their own code. They must adopt one of last three editions of IECC when adopting codes locally.

CONNECTICUT

Tel: 860-713-5900

Website: https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/Office-of-State-Building-Inspector/

Building-and-Fire-Code-Adoption-Process

Adopting entity: Legislature, based on Codes & Standards Committee recommendations

Full/Partial/None: Full (min/max)
State Amendments allowed: Yes
Local Amendments allowed: No

Form: Yes

Link: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DAS/Office-of-State-Building-Inspector/CAS_change_proposal.pdf

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: Legislative

Reason: Yes, with supporting data and documents

Cost: Recommended

Stakeholders: Recommended **Filed with/approved by state:** NA

DELAWARE

Tel: 302-856-5496 (plumbing) 302-735-3480 (energy)

Website: https://www.energycodes.gov/status/states/delaware (energy)

Adopting entity: Individual boards

Full/Partial/None: Building codes adopted locally; mech., energy and plumbing are adopted statewide

State Amendments allowed: through public hearing process only

Local Amendments allowed: More restrictive amendments only to state adopted codes.

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: No

Contact local municipality authorities for amending locally adopted commercial and residential building codes. Energy, plumbing and mechanical code input is only allowed during the public hearing process in response to proposed adopted codes.

FLORIDA

Tel: 850-487-1824

Website: https://floridabuilding.org/cm/cm_default.aspx

Adopting entity: Commission

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, anybody

Local Amendments allowed: Allowed if more restrictive

Form: Yes Link:

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No, but normally are

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: Yes

Filed with/approved by state: Must be filed only

Proposed modifications are submitted online at https://floridabuilding.org/cm/cm_default.aspx. Submitters must be registered, logged-in users to access the form. See also Florida Statute 553.73 for detailed information on proposed code amendments.

GEORGIA

Tel: 800-436-7442

Website: https://www.dca.ga.gov/local-government-assistance/construction-codes-industrialized-buildings/construction-codes

Adopting entity: Board

Full/Partial/None: Full, local municipalities can adopt several permissive codes.

State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: More restrictive only

Form: Yes, state and local

Link: https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/4963 (state) https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/4962 (local)

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: Topographic, geologic, or public safety only. (local only)

Language: Legislative language (state & local)

Reason: Yes (state & local)
Cost: Yes (state) No (local)
Stakeholders: No (state & local)

Filed with/approved by state: Must be filed, state may make recommendations

Department of Community Affairs does not approve or disapprove any local amendment. The department provides a recommendation only. However, in order to enforce any local amendment, the local government must submit the proposed amendment to DCA for review and file the amendment once is it adopted.

Permissive codes are:

- Disaster Resilient Building Code IBC Appendix
- Disaster Resilient Building Code IRC Appendix
- International Property Maintenance Code
- International Existing Building Code
- National Green Building Standard

HAWAII

Tel: 808-590-9555

Website: state.bcc@hawaii.gov

Adopting entity: State Building Code Council

Full/Partial/None: Full within two years of adoption of state code

State Amendments allowed: yes **Local Amendments allowed:** yes

Form: Yes

Link: https://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/attachment/111274621/Wind%20Code%20Proposal.pdf

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No restrictions

Language: Yes Reason: Yes

Cost: Amendment will increase cost or not **Stakeholders:** Not required to contact **Filed with/approved by state:** Yes/No

Hawaii requires proposed state modifications to be submitted online or by mail with legislative language for proposed changes to the code. Supporting information for the proposed change is not required. However, proposals are rarely successful without supporting information.

Counties are required to adopt the state code with local amendments within two years of state adoption or the state code applies by default. Counties have their own rules for submitting proposed local amendments.

IDAHO

Tel: 208-332-7137

Website: https://dbs.idaho.gov/boards/idaho-building-code-board/ Adopting entity: Idaho Building Code Board then approved by Legislature

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, spelled out in Title 67, Chpt 52, and Title 39, Chpt 41

Local Amendments allowed: More restrictive only

Form: Yes

Link: https://dbs.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/105/2021/04/rulemaking_BUILDING_

comment_submittal_form_04052021.pdf

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: life/safety, unique condition in state only

Language: Yes Reason: Yes

Cost: Yes, detailed cost benefit analysis

Stakeholders: Yes, effect on business/industry

Filed with/approved by state: No

Idaho requires modifications to be submitted online with legislative language for proposed changes to the code. Supporting information for the proposed change may be attached, but there is no indication it is required. Required information includes problem addressed, reason for amendment, benefits, and detailed cost/benefit analysis.

ILLINOIS

Tel: 217-782-2864

Website: https://www2.illinois.gov/cdb/Pages/default.aspx

Adopting entity: Legislature with recommendations from Capital Development Board

Full/Partial/None: Default for municipalities that have not adopted a code **State Amendments allowed:** Yes in legislative public hearing process

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, no limits

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: Filed with Capital Development Board, no review or approval

No statewide building codes. There are statewide energy, accessibility, and plumbing codes.

INDIANA

Tel: None, email commission staff at buildingcommission@dhs.in.gov

Website: https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/
Adopting entity: Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, during adoption process only

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, more restrictive only and not in conflict

Form: Yes

Link: Only available through commission when adopting code

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: Yes, filed and approved

IOWA

Tel: (515) 725-6145

Website: bcinfo@dps.state.ia.us

https://dps.iowa.gov/divisions/state-fire-marshal/building-code-advisory-council

Adopting entity:

Full/Partial/None: Partial

State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: Building code adopted locally

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: No / No

The state adopts several codes and the building, residential and existing building codes areadopted at the local level. When the codes are being adopted the lowa Department of Public Safety holds workshops where proposed amendments are presented and vetted.

lowa adopts the building code at the state level for state buildings, state financed buildings and healthcare facilities.

Jurisdictions less than 15,000 do not need to adopt building codes.

KANSAS

Tel: NA

Website: NA

Adopting entity: Local jurisdictions only

Full/Partial/None: None

State Amendments allowed: NA

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, contact local jurisdiction

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: NA

No statewide building codes, no state information online. Contact each jurisdiction to determine adopted codes and amendment process. Fire, plumbing, and energy codes adopted for state buildings only.

KENTUCKY

Tel: 502-573-0365

Website: https://dhbc.ky.gov/newstatic_info.aspx?static_id=297

Adopting entity: Legislature with recommendation from Advisory Committee

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, during adoption process

Local Amendments allowed: Yes

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: No

LOUISIANA

Tel: 225-922-0817

Website: http://lsuccc.dps.louisiana.gov/index.html

Adopting entity: Code Council

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, for any reason

Local Amendments allowed: No

Form: No

Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: NA

If the council determines that an amendment is justified, it may enact such an amendment after a finding on the record that the modification provides a reasonable degree of public health, safety, affordability, and welfare.

MAINE

Tel: 207-441-0996

Website: https://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/building-codes
Adopting entity: Technical Building Codes and Standards Board

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: Energy stretch code only, some allowed through zoning

Form: Yes

Link: https://www.maine.gov/dps/bbcs/Applications%20and%20Forms/Applications%20and%20

Forms.html

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: Yes

Filed with/approved by state: Energy - Yes, Zoning - No

Maine has rules for the review and adoption of amendments to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, including:

- 1 A process for consideration of amendment proposals submitted by municipalities, county, regional or state governmental units, professional trade organizations and the public
- 2 A requirement that amendments that are more restrictive than the national minimum standard be accompanied by an economic impact statement that includes:
 - **a** An identification of the types and an estimate of the number of the small businesses subject to the proposed amendment
 - **b** The projected reporting, record-keeping and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed amendment, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record

- c A brief statement of the probable impact on affected small businesses; and
- **d** A description of any less intrusive or less costly, reasonable alternative methods of achieving the purposes of the proposed amendment

MARYLAND

Tel: 410-767-2000

Website: https://www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/build/buildcodes.shtml

Adopting entity: Legislature with recommendations from Building Codes Administration

Full/Partial/None: Full if not adopted locally within six months

State Amendments allowed: Yes, anyone can submit amendment during state code adoption process **Local Amendments allowed:** Yes, counties have 6 months to adopt for local condition, no energy or

accessibility codes amendments allowed

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA

Cost: Cost/Benefit: NA Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: Filed with Building Codes Administration, No approval required

The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC — the Energy Code) and Maryland Accessibility Code (MAC — the Accessibility Code) may not be amended

MASSACHUSETTS

Tel: 617-727-3200

Website: https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-building-regulation-and-standards

Adopting entity: Board of Building Regulations and Standards

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, submit at or before public hearing

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, more restrictive only

Form: Yes

Link: https://www.mass.gov/doc/code-change-proposal-form/download

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: Yes

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: Approval required by Secretary of State

The BBRS requires the form indicate whether there are any life safety benefits to the proposed change.

MICHIGAN

Tel: 517-241-9303

Website: https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bcc/rules-acts/codes/code-books

Adopting entity: Bureau of Code Council with review by legislature

Full/Partial/None: Partial

State Amendments allowed: Yes **Local Amendments allowed:** No

Form: Yes

Link: call number above

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: Yes Reason: Yes

Cost: Yes, detailed

Stakeholders: not required, but recommended

Filed with/approved by state: NA

Michigan is a Min/Max state. Amendments are not allowed at the local level. However, several opportunities exist to submit amendments during the adoption process.

MINNESOTA

Tel: 651-284-5912

Website: http://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/

construction-codes-advisory-council

Adopting entity: legislature with input from the Construction Code Advisory Council

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: No, code is min/max

Form: Only able to be submitted during code adoption process (every 6 years) **Link:** http://dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/com-tag-change030221.pdf

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: Yes Reason: Yes

Cost: Yes, cost/benefit analysis

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: NA

Minnesota adopts ICC codes every six years. There is no process for submitting amendments outside the adoption process. No local amendments are allowed as the code is minimum/maximum code.

MISSISSIPPI

Tel: 601-467-3457

Website: https://www.mid.ms.gov/ubc/ubc.aspx Adopting entity: Mississippi Building Code Council

Full/Partial/None: Partial, requires local adoption or opt-out

State Amendments allowed: during adoption process at public hearings

Local Amendments allowed: Yes

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: File information on adopted code with state, no approval required

Local jurisdiction must adopt any one of the latest three ICC codes or have opted out by 2014.

MISSOURI

Tel: None

Website: https://data.mo.gov/browse?tags=building%20codes

Adopting entity: Local municipalities only

Full/Partial/None: Partial IBC 2012 Section 107 for Office of the State Architect (Public Buildings)

State Amendments allowed: NA

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, check with local municipalities

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: NA

All local jurisdictions can make any amendments they deem necessary in their jurisdictions.

MONTANA

Tel: 406-841-2056

Website: https://bsd.dli.mt.gov/building-codes-permits/

Adopting entity: Montana Department of Labor and Industries with input from Building Codes Council

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, during adoption process. Contact Building Codes Council

Local Amendments allowed: Yes

Form: Yes Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: Filing and approval required

NEBRASKA

Tel: 402-471-2683

Website: https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=71-6403

Adopting entity: Legislature

Full/Partial/None: Full after 2 years have passed unless a local municipality has adopted the code earlier

State Amendments allowed: Present at public hearing

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, unlimited

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: Not required

The Nebraska legislature adopts building codes to be enforced statewide. Local jurisdictions are able to amend the codes as long as they are not less restrictive than the adopted codes. If the local jurisdiction does not adopt a code, the state adopted code applies.

There is no process other than the public hearings to submit changes to the codes at the state level. Individual jurisdictions should be contacted about proposing local amendments to the codes.

NEVADA

Tel: 775-684-7525

Website: https://publicworks.nv.gov/Contact/Contact/

Adopting entity: Public Works Division for state buildings and State Fire Marshal

Full/Partial/None: Only apply to state buildings

State Amendments allowed: No

Local Amendments allowed: Codes locally adopted

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: No

(775) 684-4141

https://publicworks.nv.gov/Services/Permitting_Code_Enforcement/Permitting__Code_Enforcement/

Nevada adopts codes for state buildings. City and county jurisdictions within the state may adopt codes for enforcement within their jurisdiction. They are not required to adopt the same code edition as the state has adopted. Individual jurisdictions should be contacted about proposing local amendments to the codes.

Some codes are enforced statewide (plumbing code, energy code, and fire code)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tel: 603-223-4315

Website: https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/bcrb-procedure.html

Adopting entity: Legislature with Building Code Review Board recommendation

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, as long as more restrictive

Form: Yes

Link: https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/documents/amendment-form.

pdf

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: Legislative

Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: Yes

Filed with/approved by state: File with state, approval by state

Any person, organization, or state agency can submit a code change proposal to the NH Building Code Review Board. The proposal shall be submitted on the Board's form (link to form above)

The BCRB then acts on the proposal, by approving it, approving an amended version of it, table it for further consideration or deny it. If approved, the BCRB then asks a legislator to sponsor a bill to ratify the amendment. If not ratified, the rule expires at the end of a two-year period.

New or renovated single family homes are not required to be inspected.

NEW JERSEY

Tel: 609-984-7609

Website: https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes/

Adopting entity: Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs after staff review

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, but adoption unlikely due to state law

Local Amendments allowed: No

Form: Yes

Link: https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes/codreg/pdf_regs/njac_5_23_3.pdf (Appendix 3-A)

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: As directed on form

Reason: Yes Cost: No

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: NA

Interested parties may submit comments or information related to code change proposals before the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs and the associated advisory board. The department can only make changes that are in state law or were in previous editions of the code. Therefore, amendments are technically not allowed.

NEW MEXICO

Tel: 505-476-4500

Website: https://www.rld.nm.gov/construction-industries/about-us/

Adopting entity: Construction Industries Commission

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: More stringent only

Form: Yes

Link: Form and location currently being revised **Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature:** Yes

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: Yes

Filed with/approved by state: No need to be filed, only reviewed if a complaint is filed

NEW YORK

Tel: (518) 474-4073, Option #3

Website: https://dos.ny.gov/code/code-development

Adopting entity: State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council (Code Council)

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes **Local Amendments allowed:** Yes

Form: No, requirements listed at link below

Link: https://dos.ny.gov/code/code-development (code change proposals)

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: Required to be filed, must be approved by Code Council

NORTH CAROLINA

Tel: 919-647-0095

Website: https://www.ncosfm.gov/codes/building-code-council-bcc

Adopting entity: NC Building Code Council

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes **Local Amendments allowed:** Yes

Form:

Link: https://www.ncosfm.gov/media/494/open Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature:

Language: Yes Reason: Yes

Cost: Yes, unless state agency

Stakeholders: Not required but recommended to work with stakeholders **Filed with/approved by state:** Approval by Building Code Council required

Cost of proposed change and economic impact is required. If substantial (economic impact greater than \$1 million), must include two alternatives, time value of money and risk analysis.

Cost benefit analysis is required for proposed energy and residential code changes.

NORTH DAKOTA

Tel: 701-390-4806

Website: https://www.communityservices.nd.gov/buildingcode/ Adopting entity: North Dakota Division of Community Services Full/Partial/None: Full, local jurisdictions are to adopt state code

State Amendments allowed: Yes **Local Amendments allowed:** Yes

Form: Yes

Link: https://www.communityservices.nd.gov/uploads/28/

SFN50180CodeAmendmentSubmittal102221.pdf

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: Not limited

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: No

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state:

The Code Amendment Submittal is required to be filled out and submitted to the ND Division of Community Services. No cost information or economic analysis is required.

OHIO

Tel: 614-644-2613

Website: https://com.ohio.gov/divisions-and-programs/industrial-compliance/boards/

board-of-building-standards

Adopting entity: Ohio Board of Building Standards after legislative review

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, as long as it does not conflict with state. Not recommended

Form: Yes

Link: https://com.ohio.gov/divisions-and-programs/industrial-compliance/boards/board-of-building-standards/building-codes-and-interpretations/

application-to-change-the-building-code

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: Legislative language

Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: No filing required, Yes, must be approved for residential codes only

Submit code change in legislative text to the Ohio Board of Building Standards on provided form. The reason and technical justification for the proposed change is required. An estimate of the increase or decrease in cost is required to be submitted with the proposed code change.

OKLAHOMA

Tel: 405-521-6501

Website: https://www.ok.gov/oubcc/

Adopting entity: Uniform Building Code Commission with approval by the governor

Full/Partial/None:

State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, as long as more restrictive

Form: Yes Links:

 https://www.ok.gov/oubcc/documents/PCF%20for%20Proposed%20Rules%20fillable%201.pdf (building)

https://www.ok.gov/oubcc/documents/2015%20IECC%20Comment%20Form.pdf (energy)

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: not required

Language: Legislative text

Reason: Yes, with substantiation

Cost: Yes, increase or not, no detailed cost analysis

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: filing and approval by the commission required

Technical committees are normally tasked by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission with reviewing codes for adoption. The technical committees are required to provide for public comment and suggestions related to the task assignments of the committee.

OREGON

Tel: (503) 378-4133

Website: https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/Pages/index.aspx

Adopting entity: Specific boards per code, Board recommends to administrator

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed:

Local Amendments allowed: yes, stricter only

Form: yes

Link: https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/Formslibrary/2652.pdf

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: issue applicable only to jurisdiction

Language: Reason:

Cost:

Stakeholders:

Filed with/approved by state: local amendment approval necessary

Submit code change in legislative text to the Department of Consumer & Business Services Building Codes Division.

Provide information on how the proposal addresses an issue. Address issues of safety if applicable. Additional information is required if the proposal involves new technology, energy conservation or indoor air quality, or products requiring approval by other boards.

A cost-benefit analysis is required with backup related to methods and resources associated with how it was calculated.

The petitioner is required to contact other stakeholders that will be impacted by the proposed change or explain why they were not contacted.

PENNSYLVANIA

Tel: (717) 787-3806

Website: https://www.dli.pa.gov/ucc/Pages/default.aspx

Adopting entity: Legislature with recommendations from UCC Review and Advisory Council

Full/Partial/None: Full

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State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, more restrictive only

Form: Yes for state

Link: https://www.dli.pa.gov/ucc/Pages/UCC-Review-and-Advisory-Council.aspx

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: After consideration by UCC Review and Advisory Council

Reason: Yes Cost: No

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: Review and approval required for local amendments

Municipalities (only for local amendments) <a href="http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/034/chapter403/s403.102.html&d="http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/034/chapter403/s403.102.html&d=

Individuals and municipalities that want to amend the triennial state Uniform Construction Code, UCC): https://www.dli.pa.gov/ucc/Pages/UCC-Review-and-Advisory-Council.aspx

The UCC Review and Advisory Council first asks for public submissions related to proposals to be added to the UCC. The Council does not ask for specific wording at this time. Once the proposed changes have been posted, the Council asks for comments with the specific wording proposed. Applicable comment forms are posted to the website when the particular comment periods are open.

The Council does not require cost information, but many of the submittals for the previous cycles have contained some basic cost comments with only minor backup or no backup.

RHODE ISLAND

Tel: 401-921-1590

Website: http://www.ribcc.ri.gov/committee/

Adopting entity: Building Codes Standard Committee with legislative oversight

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, anyone can submit proposal

Local Amendments allowed: No

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: NA

SOUTH CAROLINA

Tel: 803-896-4688

Website: https://llr.sc.gov/bcc/

Adopting entity: SC Building Codes Council

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, by representative of a local jurisdiction or professional association **Local Amendments allowed:** Yes, by representative of a local jurisdiction or professional association

Form: Yes

Link: https://www.llr.sc.gov/bcc/Forms/Code-Modification-Form.pdf

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: based on local physical or climatological conditions

Language: Yes, as directed on form

Reason: Yes

Cost: No

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: Must be filed and approved by SC Building Codes Council

Proposed modifications to the building code must be submitted by a local jurisdiction or a professional organization to the South Carolina Building Codes Council. The modifications may only be based on physical or climatological conditions. (See 8-240 to 8-250 of the Building Code Council regulations)

Local modifications to the state building code are allowed. The BCC will determine if a proposed amendment should apply only locally or statewide. Energy Standards amendments may only be requested by local jurisdictions.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Tel: (605) 773-3417 or (800) 658-3633

Website: None

Adopting entity: Legislature Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Only at public or administrative rules hearings

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, as long as more restrictive when adopting the designated code locally

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: No

The legislature designates a building code edition that the local jurisdiction can then choose to adopt or not. If not adopted by the local jurisdiction, the code still applies. Amendments to the state code can only be presented at legislative hearings. The energy code is adopted for new residential occupancies, but it is a voluntary standard.

A local jurisdiction that adopts the code may modify it if it is more restrictive and as long as it is filed with the municipal finance officer. There are no state provisions related to the process to be followed for amending the code. Contact the local jurisdiction to propose amendments at the local level.

TENNESSEE

Tel: (615) 741-7190

Website: https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/codes-enforcement.html

Adopting entity: State Fire Marshal

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, in public hearings

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, more restrictive allowed

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: No

No local ordinances may be less restrictive than the adopted building code. A jurisdiction that has adopted a code that is within seven years of the legislative adopted edition (2012) is considered in compliance.

There are no restrictions in the law that prevent local jurisdictions from adopting more stringent standards than the legislative adopted edition. There are no approvals necessary from the state or necessary reporting requirements to the state.

TEXAS

Tel: 512-676-6800

Website: https://www.sll.texas.gov/law-legislation/texas/building-codes/

Adopting entity: Legislature Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, through legislature public hearing process

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, local jurisdictions adopt their own building codes with no restrictions.

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: No

The state adopts editions of the codes via legislation that applies throughout the state. Local municipalities may modify the adopted code as they see fit. It can be more or less restrictive than the adopted code as long

as it is adopted by ordinance at the local level. At the state level proposals for amendments can be introduced during the public hearing process associated with the legislature adopting the code.

An edition of the International Energy Conservation Code is adopted statewide for single family dwellings by legislation. Local municipalities may adopt a more recent edition of the code. An edition of the International Energy Conservation Code is adopted statewide for multi-family dwellings and commercial buildings by legislation. The State Energy Conservation Office may adopt a more recent edition of the code.

Local municipalities should be contacted to determine the process for proposing local code amendments.

UTAH

Tel: 801-530-6628

Website: https://dopl.utah.gov/ubc/index.html

Adopting entity: Legislature adopts based on recommendation by Uniform Building Code Commission

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, less or more restrictive

Form available: Yes

Link: https://dopl.utah.gov/ubc/ubc_request_for_code_amendment.pdf

Amendments must be based on local conditions: Yes

Legislative language: Yes **Reason provided:** Yes

Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: Considered in cost **Filed with/approved by state:** Yes

The state adopts editions of the codes via legislation that applies throughout the state. Local municipalities may modify the adopted code by proposing amendments to the Uniform Building Code Commission through a local or state regulator.

Submit code change form to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. The proposed change shall be in legislative text. Provide information on how the proposal addresses an issue.

A cost analysis is required with information on how and who it would affect. There is a list of stakeholders that need to be considered when addressing cost implications.

VERMONT

Tel: 802-479-7561

Website: https://firesafety.vermont.gov/buildingcode/codes

Adopting entity: Division of Fire Safety with legislative committee review,

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, during rulemaking and review process

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, as long as more restrictive

Form: Yes

Link: No, contact Division of Fire Safety

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: Yes

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by state: No

Local jurisdictions adopt residential code.

VIRGINIA

Tel: 804-371-7150

Website: https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/code-development
Adopting entity: Board of Housing and Community Development

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, any member of the public

Local Amendments allowed: No

Form: Online submittal

Link: https://va.cdpaccess.com/login/

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: Yes Reason: Yes Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: NA

The Board of Housing and Community Development has a new online process for code development, including proposals to change the existing and future codes. You need to register for the website in order to participate in the process and submit amendments.

Amendments are allowed only at the state level. Some jurisdictions make amendments using zoning codes.

WASHINGTON

Tel: 360-407-9277

Website: https://sbcc.wa.gov/about-sbcc

Adopting entity: State Building Code Council adopts codes

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Anybody can propose **Local Amendments allowed:** Must be more restrictive

Form:

Link: https://sbcc.wa.gov/state-codes-regulations-guidelines/forms

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: Yes

Language: Legislative text

Reason: Yes

Cost: Yes, lifecycle and construction

Stakeholders: Yes, impact on small business, housing, code officials, and others **Filed with/approved by state:** Residential occupancies only require state approval

360-407-8768

https://sbcc.wa.gov/state-codes-regulations-guidelines/forms

The State Building Code Council adopts editions of national codes. Both state and local amendments are allowed. Locally, the accessibility and energy codes cannot be amended. Amendments cannot be less restrictive than the state adopted code.

Local amendments that address single family or multifamily buildings (up to four units) must be submitted on the state form to the State Building Code Council for review and approval. The amendments must be based on climatic, geologic, seismic, life, safety, or health conditions, environmental impacts, or other special conditions unique to the jurisdiction.

Amendments addressing other buildings are not restricted in any way.

For proposed changes to the code at the state level, submit the state code change form to the State Building Code Council. The proposed change shall be in legislative text. Provide information on how the proposal addresses an issue. A cost analysis is required with information on who it would affect and how.

WEST VIRGINIA

Tel: 304-558-2191 Ext. 20739

Website: https://firemarshal.wv.gov/about/Pages/StateFireMarshal.aspx

Adopting entity: Legislature with recommendations from West Virginia Fire Commission

Full/Partial/None: Partial, local jurisdictions need to adopt the state adopted code

State Amendments allowed: Yes, through legislature public hearing process

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, local jurisdictions may adopt appendices if desired.

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: Yes, must file ordinance adopting code with state

The state adopts editions of the codes via legislation that applies throughout the state. Local municipalities must adopt the edition of the code adopted in the law. The only ability to amend the code in the law is for sections of the code indicating the local jurisdiction should amend the section to fit the local conditions within the jurisdiction. The local jurisdiction may adopt appendices not adopted as part of the legislation. The legislation does not adopt any of the appendices.

The State Fire Commission shall be notified in writing when a local jurisdiction adopts the codes. A copy of the ordinance or order shall be sent to the State Fire Marshal within 30 days of adoption.

There is no process spelled out in the law or regulations relating to amendments to the technical aspects of the codes other than the ability to adopt appendices.

WISCONSIN

Tel: (608) 266-2112

Website: See below also

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/sps/safety_and_buildings_and_environment

Adopting entity: Legislature with recommendations from Commercial Building Code Council

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes

Local Amendments allowed: Yes, local jurisdictions are allowed to amend code

Form: Yes, only a public agenda request form during state adoption

Link: https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/BoardCouncils/PublicAgendaRequestForm.docx

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: Approval required

Commercial: https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/BoardsCouncils/CommercialBuilding/Default.aspx

Dwellings: https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/BoardsCouncils/UniformDwelling/Default.aspx

WYOMING

Tel: (307) 777-7288

Website: http://wsfm.wyo.gov

Adopting entity: Legislature with recommendations from the State Fire Council

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: Yes, but normally adopt without amendments

Local Amendments allowed: More restrictive only

Form: No Link: NA

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: NA

Language: NA Reason: NA Cost: NA

Stakeholders: NA

Filed with/approved by state: Filed with state but no approval necessary

Wyoming adopts national codes and standards on a three-year cycle. Local jurisdictions can adopt the state adopted codes or more restrictive codes or amendments. Each jurisdiction has its own process for proposed changes submittals.

Proposed changes to the energy code can be submitted to the Wyoming Dept of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety who will review the proposed change and send their recommendation to the State Fire Council.

PUERTO RICO

Tel:

Website:

Adopting entity:

Full/Partial/None:

State Amendments allowed:

Local Amendments allowed:

Form: Link:

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature:

Language: Reason:

Cost:

Stakeholders:

Filed with/approved by state:

https://ddec.pr.gov/en/permits-management-office/

No information found online.

WASHINGTON D.C.

Tel: 202-442-4400

Website: https://dcra.dc.gov/node/1409496

Adopting entity: DC City Council with advice from Construction Codes Coordinating Board

Full/Partial/None: Full

State Amendments allowed: NA **Local Amendments allowed:** Yes

Form: Yes

Link: https://eservices.dcra.dc.gov/DocumentManagementSystem/Home/retrieve?id=2021%20

ICC%20CCCB%202023%20Code%20Change%20Form.pdf

Topography, Geology, Weather, Temperature: No

Language: Yes, legislative text

Reason: Yes

Cost: Yes, increase or decrease only

Stakeholders: No

Filed with/approved by district: NA

Any person or group may submit a petition to the Construction Codes Coordinating Board (CCCB) to amend the DC codes. The form requires the proposed wording, any increase of decrease in cost associated with the proposed change and justification for the change.

The change is submitted to the mayor by the CCCB and after review the mayor submits it to the city council for review and vote to adopt.