

# ICC [Government Relations](#) Monthly Update – April 2021

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**Register by April 9 to get the best availabilities for the virtual ICC Learn Live set for April 19-22**

Register today and join your fellow professionals and the International Code Council April 19-22 for the second virtual [ICC Learn Live](#) event. It will address the most pressing issues and priorities for building safety professionals such as off-site construction, managing the cannabis industry, communications tactics for code officials and overviews of the significant changes to the 2021 International Codes (I-Codes). Educational sessions will offer continuing education units (CEUs). The week's sessions will cover:

- Monday, April 19: Building Safety Industry Updates
- Tuesday, April 20: Leadership and Support
- Wednesday, April 21: Building Safety Industry Trends
- Thursday, April 22: 2021 International Code Significant Changes

[Click here to see the schedule](#) of courses and instructors. [Click here to review the registration information](#). Daily and weekly passes are available. A list of speakers is available by [clicking here](#).

**Building departments are eligible for additional funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

Responding to economic upheavals from the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Congress and White House enacted the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, which includes the **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF)** to provide \$350 billion to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. That's \$200 billion more than the CARES Act. ICC worked with a coalition of organizations to encourage Congress and the Administration to support additional assistance for state and local governments. As a result of this new package jurisdictions facing revenue downturns can use FRF resources to pay code department staff salaries and sustain operations, which could serve as a lifeline to the roughly six in 10 code departments that, per a Code Council [survey](#), experienced or expected future budget cuts. Code departments are also expected to be able use this FRF funding to make hardware and software investments that facilitate department functions during the pandemic. [Read more here](#). Join us on **April 6 at 12:00 PM PT / 3:00 PM ET** to learn more about this federal funding opportunity as it relates to your department's needs. [Register here!](#)

**'Prevent, Prepare, Protect': Building Safety Month proclamations are available for you to use**

Each May, [Building Safety Month](#) is the code official's [opportunity to raise the profile](#) of their professions and to communities about their value to America's economic growth and safety. This year's theme is "Prevent, Prepare, Protect: Building Codes Save." The weekly themes are:

- **Week One** (May 1-9): [Energy & Innovation](#)
- **Week Two** (May 10-16): [Training the Next Generation](#)
- **Week Three** (May 17-23): [Water Safety](#)
- **Week Four** (May 24-31): [Disaster Preparedness](#)

The [2021 Proclamation Guide is available here](#) which can be downloaded. Do not overlook this opportunity to have your ICC Chapter President to [sign a proclamation](#) on behalf of your chapter. And don't miss the opportunity to have 2021 BSM proclamations signed by mayors, county commission chairs, state legislators, Governors and associations and businesses who support a safe and resilient built environment. Click [here](#) to download the 2021 Building Safety Month poster.

**Deadline postponed to April 12 to submit nominations for the Code Council's 2021 annual awards**

The official due date was moved from March 15 to April 12 to submit nominees for the [Code Council's annual awards](#). The Code Council presents awards in several categories each year to honor individuals and organizations for their accomplishments and service to the Code Council and the building safety industry. [Click here](#) and [here](#) to apply for the awards presented at various events, including at the Code Council Annual Conference in September. [Click here to view the 2020 award recipients](#).

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER: Committee Action Hearings are April 11-May 5 to watch or participate**

This year's code hearings offer ICC members/non-members, code officials, architects, builders, engineers, fire and plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, pool and spa professionals the opportunity to provide input on [proposed code changes to the Group A International Codes®](#). See the [2021/2022 Code Development Schedule](#) for details on code chapters, notes and committee information for the Group A codes. Registration is REQUIRED [to participate](#) or to [view hearings](#). The hearing [schedule is seen by clicking here](#). For registration and hearing procedural questions, email the ICC Customer Success Center at [customersuccess@iccsafe.org](mailto:customersuccess@iccsafe.org) or phone 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233), ext. 0. Also, you can earn a maximum of 1.0 CEUs for attending the Committee Action Hearings. [Read more here](#).

**IT'S FREE: Signup starts for Code Council's popular Chapter Leadership Academy set for June 8 online**

It's been held in convention centers in Oklahoma City and Denver, but the 2021 Chapter Leadership Academy will be only as far away as your computer. This year's Academy will be a one-day event and will be held Tuesday, June 8, starting at 10 a.m. Eastern, 9 a.m. Central and 8 a.m. Mountain. Please [register by clicking here](#), so we can send additional details and session information closer to June 8th! If you have any questions, please email [chapters@iccsafe.org](mailto:chapters@iccsafe.org).

**2021 Annual Conference and Public Comment Hearing to be in Pittsburgh starting September 19**

Plans are under way for the 2021 ICC Annual Conference and [Public Comment Hearing](#) to be held on September 19-28 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The official "save the date" message will go out to members and stakeholders soon. The 2021 event will look a little different with some sessions moving to a virtual format. We'll share more details as we get closer to September.

**International Code Council's 2021 Sponsored Scholarship cycle is open and will close Tuesday, June 29**

The Code Council acts as home for [all five of the Sponsored Scholarships](#). Only ONE application is needed to apply for all of the scholarships in the program, which include:

- [ICC General Scholarship Fund](#)
- [William J. Tangye Scholarship](#)
- [J.W. "Bill" Neese Scholarship](#)
- [C.D. Howard Scholarship](#)
- [Charlie O'Meilie Scholarship](#)

The scholarships are funded by contributors and International Code Council (ICC) Chapters. The scholarship program is managed by the ICC and the recipients for these scholarships are selected by a committee of volunteers. Separate policies are in effect for each scholarship that details the selection and administrative guidelines, eligibility requirements, and the selection criteria. The 2021 Application Form and Recommendation Form are provided here:

- [2021 Application Form](#)
- [2021 Scholarship Recommendation Form](#)

**Newly released ICC Annual Report offers insights on a year of tough challenges, unity and triumphs**

The recently published 2020 ICC Annual Report stands as a testament of the Code Council's resiliency and adaptability facing obstacles while continuing to provide building safety solutions and strategies for a resilient future. "Together, we faced the challenges of 2020 and have overcome obstacles that have made us stronger by building confidence and community through the building safety mission," Board President Greg Wheeler and CEO Dominic Sims said in a joint statement. [Read more here](#).

**Code Council opens application period for its IECC Development Committees to produce the 2024 IECC**

Under the Code Council's new framework, *Leading the Way to Energy Efficiency: A Path Forward on Energy and Sustainability to Confront a Changing Climate*, the IECC will be developed by the combined efforts of a Residential Energy Code Consensus Committee and a Commercial Energy Code Consensus Committee. Responsibilities of the committees include:

- Reviewing and evaluating public input in accordance with the requirements of the Code Council's Consensus Procedures, and building consensus to incorporate input that advances the code's new scope, intent and principles.
- Ensuring any interested public party has the opportunity to provide input on components such as recommending changes to the IECC and commenting on proposed changes.

- Considering the market-readiness of technologies to be incorporated into the code.
- Producing a code that meets the requirements contained in the new scope, intent and principles.

The goal is to include approximately 30 members for each committee that represent a diverse array of experience in building types and energy efficiency strategies, as well as racial, gender and socio-economic diversity. [Read more here](#) about the committees’ application process and goals.

**Code Council’s new Credential of Learning Achievement Program goes beyond traditional training**

The International Code Council launched its Credential of Learning Achievement (CLA) program, which goes beyond traditional training in its measurement of comprehension on the subject matter. With training led by industry expert instructors, it is a different method of obtaining a valuable Code Council credential based on training and testing. Responding to required components of training/education and assessment on a specific subject matter, the CLA program provides a different method of obtaining a valuable Code Council credential based on training and testing. [Read more here](#).

**Tall mass timber interest in several states is driving demand for special inspector certification**

In July, California and South Dakota are expected to join Washington, Oregon and Utah as the latest states to embrace the 2021 International Building Code provisions for tall mass timber (TMT). Growth in TMT buildings will create a demand and need for professionals trained to ensure compliance with code and safety provisions during construction. Other states and cities are also contemplating code changes to pave the way for TMT, including Montana, Virginia and Georgia. [Read more here](#).

**Code Council’s Assessment Center to retire 2012 I-Code based National Contractor examination suite**

Effective June 30, 2021, the Assessment Center will be retiring the 2012 I-Code based National Contractor examination suite. It consists of the following examinations:

W11	National Standard General Building Contractor (A)- W11
W12	National Standard Building Contractor (B)- W12
W13	National Standard Residential Building Contractor (C)- W13
W14	National Standard Roofing Contractor/Subcontractor- W14
W16	National Standard Master Electrician- W16
W17	National Standard Journeyman Electrician- W17
W18	National Standard Residential Electrician- W18
W24	National Standard Master Plumber- W24
W25	National Standard Journeyman Plumber- W25
W27	National Standard Master Plumber with Gas
W28	National Standard Journeyman Plumber with Gas
W29	National Standard Master Mechanical- W29
W31	National Standard Journeyman Mechanical- W31
W39	National Standard Master Gas Pipe Fitter
W46	National Standard Framing Contractor
W49	Electrical Contractor

Note, this does not affect any jurisdictions who have specific examinations to the 2012 I-codes such as Kansas. The Code Council will continue to offer the 2015 National Contractor examination suite as well as the 2018 I-Code based examination suite.

**Updated standards referenced in 2021 codes are now available for high-wind regions, storm shelters**

Two new editions, referenced in the 2021 International Codes, are now available in digital and print format. [ICC 500-2020: ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters](#) contains requirements for storm shelters that provide a safe refuge from storms producing high winds, hurricanes and tornadoes. It contains requirements for the structural system, basic occupant life safety

and health, and more. [ICC 600-2020: Standard for Residential Construction in High-Wind Regions](#) was developed to improve building resiliency in high-wind regions where design wind speeds are 120–180 mph. This edition includes updates to align with ASCE/SEI 7-16 and the 2021 IBC and 2021 IRC.

### **ASHRAE and Code Council release new International Green Construction Code User's Manual**

ASHRAE and the International Code Council have released the [2018 International Green Construction Code® \(IgCC®\) User's Manual](#). The manual provides readers an understanding of the requirements of the code and how those requirements may be met. The publication contains sample calculations, forms to demonstrate compliance, and references to helpful resources and websites. [Read more here.](#)

### ***GOT PULSE?* Sara Yerkes and Lakisha Woods discuss NIBS and ICC's commitments to sustainability**

In [Episode 38](#) of ICC's Pulse Podcast, [Sara Yerkes](#), Code Council Senior VP of Government Relations and [Lakisha Woods](#), President and CEO of the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) discuss the NIBS and ICC's shared commitments to resilience and sustainability.

### **Upcoming from the Code Council 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. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- April 6 - 2018 IMC® Webinar Series: [Boilers and Hydronic Piping](#).
- April 7- [2018 IFC® and IBC® Hazardous Materials Provisions](#).
- April 7 - Permit Tech Webinar Series: [Legal Principles](#).
- April 8 - [2018 IRC® Performing Residential Plumbing Inspections](#).
- April 13 - 2018 IMC® Webinar Series: [Refrigeration, Fuel Oil Piping and Storage and Solar Systems](#).
- April 14 - 2018 IPC Webinar Series: [Chapters 1, 2 and 3](#).
- April 15 - [Advanced Legal Aspects of Code Administration for Building Officials and Inspectors](#).
- April 16 - [Getting the Most out of the 2018 IPMC®](#).
- April 19–22 - [ICC Learn Live](#) - an innovative 4 day online training event.
- April 19-23 - [2018 Plan Review](#).
- April 20 - Code Enforcement Webinar Series: [Officer Safety in Hazardous Buildings](#).
- April 21 - [2021 IBC® Significant Changes](#).
- April 21 - 2018 IPC Webinar Series: [Chapters 4, 5 and 6](#).
- April 22 - Leadership Webinar Series: [Making a Difference](#).
- April 27 - Code Enforcement Webinar Series: [Drug Awareness for Code Enforcement Officer](#).
- April 27-28 - [When Disaster Strikes](#).
- April 28 - 2018 IPC Webinar Series: [Chapters 7 and 8](#).
- April 29-30 - [2018 Commercial Building Inspection](#)
- May 3-7 - [2018 Residential Building Inspector - B1 Certification Test Academy](#).
- May 4 - Code Enforcement Webinar Series: [Gang Awareness for the Code Enforcement Officer](#).
- May 5 - 2018 IPC Webinar Series: [Chapters 9 and 10](#).
- May 11 - Code Enforcement Webinar Series: [Mental Illness and Code Enforcement](#).
- May 12 - 2018 IPC Webinar Series: [Chapters 11–14](#).
- May 12-14 - [2018 Building Plans Examiner - B3 Certification Test Academy](#).
- May 13 - [Complaint Management from Start to Finish](#).
- May 17-19 - [2018 Permit Tech Certification Test Academy](#).
- May 24-28 - [2018 Commercial Building Inspector - B2 Certification Test Academy](#).
- May 26 - [Report Writing for the Code Official](#).
- May 27 - [Basic Code Enforcement](#).
- June 8 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series: [Special Occupancies and Operations](#).
- June 9 - [Applying the Codes to Cannabis Facilities](#).
- June 10 - [2018 Accessibility & Usability](#).

- June 14-16 - [2018 Property Maintenance & Housing Inspector - 64 Certification Test Academy](#).
- June 15 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series: [Regulated Materials and Processes](#).
- June 17 – Leadership Webinar Series: [Say What You Mean and Mean What You Say](#).
- June 21-23 - [2018 Fire Inspector I - 66 Certification Test Academy](#).
- June 29 - [2019 CRC Essentials](#).
- June 30 - [2019 CBC Essentials](#).

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