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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
Division of Construction Management**



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**TO: OWNERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS**

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**RE: REVISION TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE**

- Effective July 1, 2022, the Department of Finance, Division of Construction Management (formerly the Alabama Building Commission), will adopt, promulgate and enforce the *2021 International Building Code* as the State Building Code. The following companion codes are also adopted:

*2021 International Existing Building Code*

*2021 International Plumbing Code*

*2021 International Fuel Gas Code*

*2021 International Mechanical Code*

*2020 National Electrical Code (NFPA 70)*

*2021 International Fire Code*

*ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2013 Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings, with exceptions permitted to:*

*6.5.1 – Economizers*

*8.4.2 – Automatic Receptacle Control*

*8.4.3 – Electrical Energy Monitoring*

*2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design*

*These requirements supersede the accessibility requirements contained in the International Building Code and ANSI A117.1*

*DCM Code Supplements*

*2020 ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters*

*2019 National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code (NFPA 72)*

- The transition from the current State Building Code to the revised State Building Code will begin July 1, 2022 and will include a six-month grace period to allow current projects to either complete the review process or transition to the new code. After the six-month grace period is completed, all submittals must comply with the revised State Building Code. The transition to the revised State Building Code will be implemented as follows:

- a. All submittals received before July 1, 2022 must comply with the *2015 International Building Code*.
- b. All first-time submittals (schematic, preliminary or final) received on or after July 1, 2022 must comply with the *2021 International Building Code*.
- c. All submittals received from July 1, 2022 through January 1, 2023 where the first-time submittal (schematic, preliminary or final) was received before July 1, 2022 may be completed under the *2015 International Building Code* or may be revised to comply with the *2021 International Building Code*.
- d. Any submittals received on or after January 1, 2023 must comply with the *2021 International Building Code*.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Desmond at (334) 242-4082 or by e-mail at [lee.desmond@realproperty.alabama.gov](mailto:lee.desmond@realproperty.alabama.gov)

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<b>IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE BUILDING CODE</b>		
Any plan submittal	Received before July 1, 2022	<i>2015 International Building Code</i>
Any first-time plan submittal (including schematic, preliminary or final)	Received <u>on</u> or <u>after</u> July 1, 2022	<i>2021 International Building Code</i>
Any second or subsequent plan submittal where the first submittal was received before July 1, 2022	Received <u>on</u> or <u>after</u> July 1, 2022 <u>and</u> before January 1, 2023	<i>2015 International Building Code</i> <b><u>or</u></b> <i>2021 International Building Code</i>
Any plan submittal	Received <u>on</u> or <u>after</u> January 1, 2023	<i>2021 International Building Code</i>