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TO: OWNERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS

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RE: REVISION TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE

1. 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)

2. 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

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