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2018 Kentucky Residential, Building Codes Effective Aug. 22

Today, the Interim Joint Committee on Local Government reviewed the 2018 Kentucky Residential Code (KRC) and the 2018 Kentucky Building Code (KBC) at the committee's scheduled hearing. This was the last step in the legislative review process for the 2018 KBC and 2018 KRC.

Effective today, the following Codes have been adopted:

- 2018 Kentucky Building Code (Based on the 2015 International Building Code with Kentucky Amendments)
- 2018 Kentucky Residential Code (Based on the 2015 International Residential Code with Kentucky Amendments)
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2017 NFPA 70 - National Electrical Code
- 2012 NFPA 101 - Life Safety Code (Health Care Facilities)

A grace period allows the 2013 KBC and 2013 KRC or the 2018 KBC and 2018 KRC to be used until Jan. 1, 2019. On Jan. 1, 2019, the 2018 KBC and 2018 KRC will be mandatory.

The Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction will announce courses covering the 2018 KRC and 2018 KBC within the next week.

The following codes are unchanged:

- 2012 International Fire Code (New construction projects, only when specifically referenced by the body of KBC)
- 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (for use with the Kentucky Building Code only excluding R-2, R-3 and R-4 construction)

- 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (for use with the Kentucky Residential Code and Group R-2, R-3, and R-4 buildings in the Kentucky Building Code only)
- 2009 ICC/ANSI A117.1 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities
- Kentucky State Plumbing Law, Regulations & Code (KRS Chapter 318 and 815 KAR Chapter 20)
- State Boiler Regulation (KRS Chapter 236, 815 KAR Chapter 15)
- 2012 NFPA 1 - Fire Prevention Code (as directed by 815 KAR 10:60 Kentucky Standards of Safety)
- 2010 NFPA 13 - Installation of Sprinkler Systems
- 2010 NFPA 13D - Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One-and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes
- 2010 NFPA 13R – Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies Up to and Including Four Stories in Height
- 2010 NFPA 14 – Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems
- 2009 NFPA 54 - National Fuel Gas Code
- 2010 NFPA 72 - National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code
- GB-03-01- Structural Engineers Association of Kentucky - Special Inspection Guidelines, Third Edition, March 2007