

REGIONAL BUILDING CODE STATUS

	District of Columbia	Maryland	Virginia
OVERVIEW		State allows each jurisdiction to make local amendments to the code provided the amendments do not weaken the code requirements	The VA Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD), a Governor-appointed board, has authority to adopt changes to the Unified State Building Code (USBC).
Timeline of cycle	Every 3 years	Every 3 years	Every 3 years
RESIDENTIAL			
Current Code	2009 IECC with Amendments	2012 IECC/ASHRAE 90.1-2010	2009 IECC with Amendments
Amendments	Amendments include updating ASHRAE 90.1 reference to 2007 and strengthening low-rise residential energy code to the “30% Solution” similar to provisions of the 2012 IECC		
Adoption Process	<p>The D.C. Energy Conservation Code is updated regularly as model codes are revised.</p> <p>The Mayor and the DC Council are advised by the DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board (CCCB) on code related matters; DC’s Green Building Advisory Council advises the Mayor and DC Council on greening the code. Proposals are initiated by the CCCB, are published and public hearings are held; DC Council has final approval of all proposed code changes.</p>	<p>Legislation requires the Maryland Building Performance Standards (MBPS) to update the codes.</p> <p>New codes must be adopted as part of MBPS within 12 months of the new IECC’s publication; Each Maryland county must adopt the new energy code within 6 months of adoption by the state.</p> <p>Local amendments must not lessen any IECC requirements.</p>	<p>Codes are adopted by the Commonwealth a year after the publication year by the International Code Council (ICC).</p> <p>Adoption process for modifications can take up to 12 months; Process includes publications of new provisions and modifications, as well as public hearings.</p> <p>Local government building inspections departments are responsible for enforcement of the USBC.</p>
Approved Compliance	Compliance is determined by plan review	The MBPS is mandatory statewide. Builders use	Can use REScheck

Tool/Compliance Process	and field inspection	REScheck to demonstrate compliance.	Compliance for non-state buildings is demonstrated through plan review and inspection at the local level.
Effective Date	10/10/08	1/1/12	3/1/11
COMMERCIAL			
Current Code	2006 IECC with 1 Amendment	2012 IECC/ASHRAE 90.1-2010	2009 IECC
Amendments	Reference to ASHRAE 90.1-2007		References to ASHRAE 90.1-2007
Adoption Process	See residential process.	Same as residential	
Approved Compliance Tool	See residential process.	COMcheck	Can use COMcheck See residential for process.
Approximate Energy Efficiency	Equivalent to ASHRAE 90.1-2007	Equivalent to 2012 IECC	
Effective Date	12/26/2009	1/1/2012	1/1/12
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	ASHRAE 90.1-2007 Mandatory December 2011, the CCCB voted to adopt the 2012 IECC, including the 2012 International Green Construction Code (IgCC). The code is now under administrative review and legislative process, with adoption expected in the second half of 2013.	Mandatory Meets or exceeds ASHRAE 90.1 or equivalent Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is currently in the process of amending the Energy Code to include additional legislative updates, in addition to adopting the IgCC.	ASHRAE 90.1-2007 Mandatory
		<u>Jurisdictions</u> City of Frederick – 2012 IECC/IBC/IRC Frederick County – 2012 IECC/IBC/IRC Gaithersburg – 2009 IECC with amendments Montgomery Co. – 2012 IECC/IBC/IRC Prince George’s Co. – 2006 IECC/IBC/IRC Rockville – 2012 IECC/2009 IBC	