

Raising the Standard

Supporting Efficiency at the ICC 2015 Final Hearings

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Our Objectives

- No Backsliding from 2012 IECC
- Win Modest Improvements
- Maximize local/state GMVR attendance in Atlantic City
- Link Public Policy with GMVR voting (USCM Resolution)
- Mount Educational Campaign – “Everyone Benefits from Strong Building Energy Codes”
- Emphasize those who are likely to be there

Governmental Member Voting Representative (GMVR)

The International Code Council (ICC) defines a GMVR as individuals nominated by local government ICC members that *“must be employees or officials of that Governmental Member and are actively engaged in full or part-time in the administration, formulation or enforcement of laws, regulations or ordinances relating to public health, safety and welfare.”*

MODEL CODE DEVELOPMENT

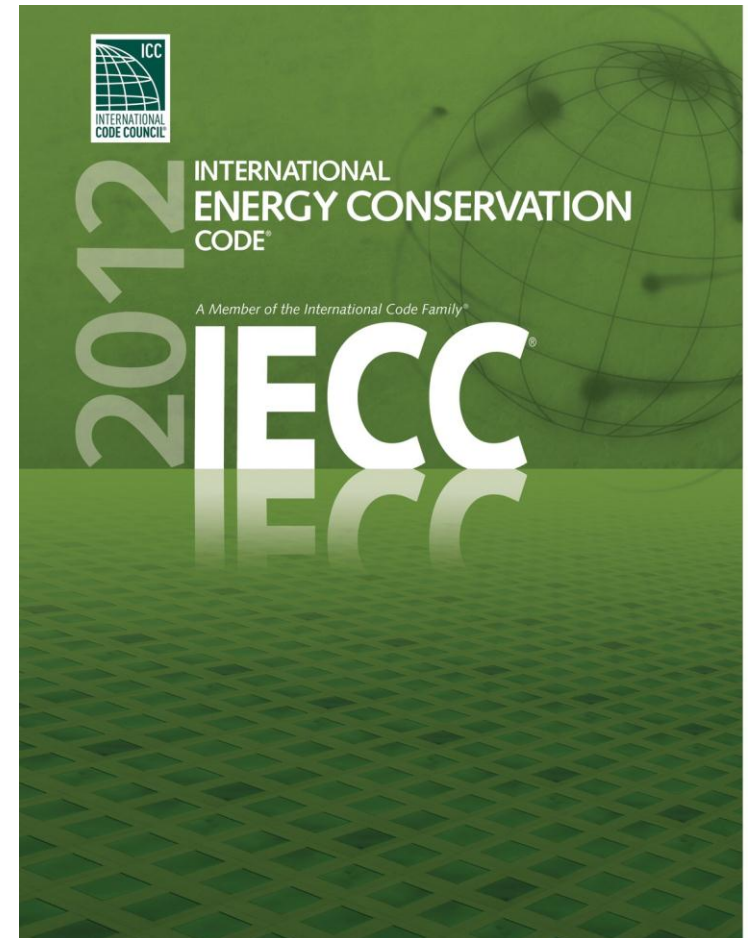
Code Change
Proposals Submitted

Code Development
Committee Hearing

Public Comments

Public Comment Hearing

New Model
Code Published



2013 Public Comment Hearing (previously Final Action Hearing)

- October 2-10, 2013
- Atlantic City, NJ
- Only 3-5 days of actual voting
- Final votes to determine the 2015 IECC
 - What passes here will be included in the 2015 IECC model code
 - Last chance to let your voice be heard: ONLY
“Government Members can VOTE

Who is Eligible to Vote?

Total Population	Admissible Number of Voting Members
0 – 50,000	4
50,001 – 150,000	8
>150,000	12

Government Employees and Public Officials in:

- public health and safety
- sustainability
- energy
- planning, zoning and building

ICC Membership must be in good standing. ICC Membership must have been renewed by April 1, 2013

Governmental Members in good standing must nominate their representatives through the [ICC online system](#) by August 30, 2013

Jurisdictions are awarded 4, 8, or 12 voting members based on population

Relevance to MWCOG

- Washington-Metro area is a leader in energy efficiency
- Atlantic City is about protecting the hard work and energy efficiency gains earned in 2010
- 2015 IECC faces threat of rollback in efficiency standards
 - Several seemingly innocuous proposals that could add up to potentially huge losses in energy efficiency
 - Many proposals can be defeated by simple majority vote
- The deck is stacked against efficiency
- Real chance to make a real difference

Backsliding on 2012 IECC will hurt homebuyers, lock in building inefficiency for 3-4 generations

- Numerous REC recommendations weaken 2012 IECC
- Restoring mechanical equipment tradeoffs can weaken new home efficiency by 18-25% (20-29% for low income home)
 - Runs counter to FAH votes/IECC DC recommendations
 - Runs counter to 34 states adopting 2009 or 2012 IECC
- Could result in 1st IECC to fail DOE determination
- Will result in less efficient new home construction that will waste energy for 60-, 80-, even 100-years

Keep the IECC as an effective policy tool
for meeting your environmental goals

How Can the 2015 IECC Improve Over the “30% Solution”?

There are two specific proposals that advance the efficiency of the model code beyond 2012

- The “Flexpoint” proposal
 - Offers a menu of more efficient options with assigned point values
 - Requires a specified number of points of efficiency *above* the 2012 IECC
- The “HERS-like” proposal
 - Creates a compliance pathway that aligns with common business practice
 - Sets a HERS score based on climate zone that must be met or exceeded and, as currently set in model code, improves on the efficiency of the 2012 IECC

2010 Successes

- Washington-Metro area attendees played a major role in 2010 adoption in Charlotte
 - 60 voting members attended on scholarship
 - All committed to the “30% Solution”
- Significant efficiency gains



What Can We Do?

- Review your Government Member Voting Roster
- Submit your voting members
 - Attendees must be submitted in writing, by name, by August 30, 2013
 - No downside to submitting names
- Apply for travel support
 - Through COG or ICLEI
- Attend code proposal trainings and webinars
 - Trainings will be held to educate voting members on specific code proposals, voting procedures and desired outcomes
- Ask Questions
 - Rules and regulations can often be arduous. IMT and EECC are here to help. We can help you navigate the process

Important to Note

- The deck is stacked against us – we need to mobilize and get-out-the-vote
- We strongly urge you to review the ICC policies regarding travel support
- *The acceptance of travel support is not contingent on support for any particular positions on energy code proposals, and there is no expectation of favorable voting in return for travel support*

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