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SUBJECT: REVISION TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE

1. Effective July 1, 2016, the Department of Finance, Division of Construction Management (formerly the Alabama Building Commission), will adopt, promulgate and enforce the *2015 International Building Code* as the State Building Code. The following companion codes shall be included:

*2015 International Plumbing Code*

*2015 International Mechanical Code*

*2015 International Fuel Gas Code*

*2015 International Fire Code*

*2014 National Electrical Code (NFPA 70)*

*2013 National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code (NFPA 72)*

*2014 ACC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters*

*ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2013 Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential*

*2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design*

2. The transition from the current State Building Code to the revised State Building Code will begin July 1, 2016 and will include a six-month grace period to allow current projects to either complete the review process or to 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:
  1. All submittals received before July 1, 2016 must comply with the *2009 International Building Code*.
  2. All first-time submittals (schematic, preliminary or final) received on or after July 1, 2016 must comply with the *2015 International Building Code*.

3. All submittals received from July 1, 2016 through January 1, 2017 where the first-time submittal (schematic, preliminary or final) was received before July 1, 2016 may be completed under the *2009 International Building Code* or may be revised to comply with the *2015 International Building Code*.
4. Any submittals received on or after January 1, 2017 must comply with the *2015 International Building Code*.

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Lynn at (334) 242-4082 or by e-mail at [Katherine.lynn@bc.alabama.gov](mailto:Katherine.lynn@bc.alabama.gov) or Frank Barnes at (334) 242-4082 or by e-mail at [frank.barnes@bc.alabama.gov](mailto:frank.barnes@bc.alabama.gov).

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## IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE BUILDING CODE

Any plan submittal	Received <u>before</u> July 1, 2016	<i>2009 International Building Code</i>
Any first-time plan submittal (including schematic, preliminary or final)	Received <u>on</u> or <u>after</u> July 1, 2016	<i>2015 International Building Code</i>
Any second or subsequent plan submittal where the first submittal was received <u>before</u> July 1, 2016	Received <u>on</u> or <u>after</u> July 1, 2016 <u>and</u> <u>before</u> January 1, 2017	<i>2009 International Building Code or 2015 International Building Code</i>
Any plan submittal	Received <u>on</u> or <u>after</u> January 1, 2017	<i>2015 International Building Code</i>