

NINTH EDITION BUILDING CODE UPDATE

This message is sent as a reminder that the ninth edition building code was filed with the Secretary of State and will become first effective on October 20, 2017. With a shortened concurrency period, the new code will come into full force and effect on January 1, 2018. The new, ninth edition code is based on modified versions of the following 2015 codes as published by the International Code Council (ICC).

The International Building Code (IBC);
International Residential Code (IRC);
International Existing Building Code (IEBC);
International Mechanical Code (IMC);
International Energy Conservation Code (IECC);
International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC);
Portions of the International Fire Code (IFC).

The 2015 International codes may be viewed @ [I-Codes](#). The Massachusetts amendments for the base code may be viewed @ [Base Code Amendments](#) and the residential code amendments may be viewed @ [Residential Code Amendments](#).

Please remember that the Massachusetts amendments posted on-line are *unofficial versions* and are meant for convenience only. *(There are some spacing issues in the posted documents that make words appear to be spelled incorrectly. We are aware of the issue and are working to correct. Please pardon the inconvenience.)*

Official versions of the Massachusetts amendments may be purchased from the State House Bookstore after October 20th @ [Shop the Bookstore](#) and any of the I-Codes may be purchased from the International Code Council (ICC) @ iccsafe.org.

Additionally, the ICC publishes transition documents that identify changes from the 2009 to the 2015 I-Codes for those who may have interest.

[International Building Code \(IBC\) Transition](#)

[International Residential Code \(IRC\) Transition](#) .

For those interested in changes between the eighth and ninth edition versions of the code (*whether through the ICC or via Massachusetts amendments*), the following **PowerPoint** presentation materials may be helpful.

[Introduction to the IRC](#)

[Introduction to the IEBC](#)

[An Overview of Massachusetts Amendments](#)

[An Introduction to Residential HVAC Systems](#)

[Cutting & Notching Requirement of the Ninth Edition](#)

It is hoped that this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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