



Town of Alton

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Notice to all Licensed Design Professionals, Contractors, and Property Owners

On Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Governor Sununu signed into law HB562, which updates the NH State Building Code (RSA 155-A) from the 2009 ICC codes to the below listed 2015 editions. The updated codes will be effective on September 15, 2019.

We understand and appreciate that the updating of codes can bring changes that may affect your projects, especially those that may take many months to finalize. To that end, projects that have submitted an application for review and formal approval to the Planning or Building Departments **prior to September 15, 2019** will be allowed to continue finalizing designs, receive permitting, and have inspections performed to the codes in effect at time of application.

The effective codes as of September 15, 2019 will be:

- 2015 International Building Code - IBC
- 2015 International Residential Code - IRC
- 2015 International Plumbing Code - IPC
- 2015 International Mechanical Code - IMC
- 2015 International Existing Building Code - IEBC
- 2015 International Energy Conservation Code - IECC
- 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code - ISPSA (this is a new stand-alone code; all requirements have been removed from the IBC and IRC)
- 2017 National Electrical Code, NFPA 70 (previously adopted)
- 2015 Fire Code, NFPA 1
- 2015 Life Safety Code, NFPA 101 (previously adopted)

Several of these codes also have amendments to address New Hampshire specific concerns. Those amendments can be found on the NH Building Code Review Board (BCRB) website at:

<https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/bldgexhibits.html>

If you have questions or concerns about a specific project please contact the Alton Building Department by phone at 603-875-2164, or by email at code@alton.nh.gov.

PDF guides detailing the changes from the 2009 to the 2015 codes can be purchased from ICC through the following link:

<https://shop.iccsafe.org/catalogsearch/result/?cat=&q=+2015+transition+from+2009>

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