

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	2006 IECC with Amendments	2012 IECC/ASHRAE 90.1-2010	2009 IECC with Amendments
Amendments	Amendments include provisions that make it approximately equivalent in stringency to the 2009 IECC		
Adoption Process	<p>The D.C. Energy Conservation Code is updated regularly as model codes are revised or if a change is proposed by local code enforcement officials, industry, design professionals, or other interested parties.</p> <p>The DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board advises the mayor and DC Council on all code matters; Proposals are initiated by the Board; Proposals are published and public hearings are held. DC Council has final approval of all proposed code changes.</p>	<p>Legislation requires The MBPS (Maryland Building Performance Standards) is updated every 3 years.</p> <p>adoption of most recent I-codes every 3 years. Each jurisdiction must adopt the new codes by ordinance within 6 months of official adoption by the state.</p>	<p>I-Codes are adopted by the state a year after the publication year by ICC.</p> <p>Process similar to the federal regulatory process. The BHCD may adopt whatever provision it deems necessary. Adoption process for modifications may take 18 months. Publications include new provisions and modifications to the code. Public hearings are also included in the process.</p> <p>The Local governments building inspections department are responsible for enforcement of the USBC.</p>
Approved Compliance Tool/Compliance Process	Compliance is determined by plan review and field inspection	The MBPS is mandatory statewide. Builders use REScheck to demonstrate compliance to local	Can use REScheck

		government (cities, counties).	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 DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board (CCCB) voted to adopt the 2012 IECC, including the 2012 IgCC. The code will now enter administrative review and legislative process with likely adoption 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. These amendments should be in place in October of 2012.	ASHRAE 90.1-2007 Mandatory
		Montgomery Co. – 2012 IECC/IBC/IRC <u>Jurisdictions</u> Frederick County – 2012 IECC/IBC/IRC City of Frederick – 2012 IECC/IBC/IRC Gaithersburg – 2009 IECC with amendments Prince George’s – 2006 IECC/IBC/IRC Rockville – 2012 IECC/2009 IBC	