

1 **Construction and Fire Codes Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Thomas W. Peterson

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

LONG TITLE**Committee Note:**

The Business and Labor Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 17 voting for 0 voting against 3 absent

General Description:

This bill modifies the State Construction Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends the State Construction Code to address updated standards in the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:19 **AMENDS:**20 **15A-2-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 9521 **15A-2-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 53222 **ENACTS:**23 **15A-3-1101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*26 Section 1. Section **15A-2-102** is amended to read:**15A-2-102 . Definitions.**

28 As used in this chapter, Chapter 3, Statewide Amendments Incorporated as Part of State

29 Construction Code, and Chapter 4, Local Amendments Incorporated as Part of State

30 Construction Code:

31 (1) "HUD Code" means the Federal Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety
32 Standards Act, as issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and
33 published in 24 C.F.R. Parts 3280 and 3282 (as revised April 1, 1990).

34 (2) "IBC" means the edition of the International Building Code adopted under Section
35 15A-2-103.

36 (3) "IEBC" means the edition of the International Existing Building Code adopted under
37 Section 15A-2-103.

38 (4) "IECC" means the edition of the International Energy Conservation Code adopted under
39 Section 15A-2-103.

40 (5) "IFGC" means the edition of the International Fuel Gas Code adopted under Section
41 15A-2-103.

42 (6) "IMC" means the edition of the International Mechanical Code adopted under Section
43 15A-2-103.

44 (7) "IPC" means the edition of the International Plumbing Code adopted under Section
45 15A-2-103.

46 (8) "IRC" means the edition of the International Residential Code adopted under Section
47 15A-2-103.

48 (9) "ISPSC" means the edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code adopted
49 under Section 15A-2-103.

50 (10) IWUIC means the edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code
51 adopted under Section 15A-2-103.

52 [(10)] (11) "NEC" means the edition of the National Electrical Code adopted under Section
53 15A-2-103.

54 [(11) "UWUI" means the edition of the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted under
55 Section 15A-2-103.]

56 Section 2. Section **15A-2-103** is amended to read:

57 **15A-2-103 . Specific editions adopted of construction code of a nationally
58 recognized code authority.**

59 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this part, the following construction codes are
60 incorporated by reference, and together with the amendments specified in Chapter 3,
61 Statewide Amendments Incorporated as Part of State Construction Code, and Chapter 4,
62 Local Amendments Incorporated as Part of State Construction Code, are the
63 construction standards to be applied to building construction, alteration, remodeling, and
64 repair, and in the regulation of building construction, alteration, remodeling, and repair

65 in the state:

- 66 (a) the 2021 edition of the International Building Code, including Appendices C and J,
67 issued by the International Code Council;
- 68 (b) the 2021 edition of the International Residential Code, issued by the International
69 Code Council;
- 70 (c) Appendix AQ of the 2021 edition of the International Residential Code, issued by the
71 International Code Council;
- 72 (d) the 2021 edition of the International Plumbing Code, issued by the International
73 Code Council;
- 74 (e) the 2021 edition of the International Mechanical Code, issued by the International
75 Code Council;
- 76 (f) the 2021 edition of the International Fuel Gas Code, issued by the International Code
77 Council;
- 78 (g) the 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code, issued by the National Fire
79 Protection Association;
- 80 (h) the 2021 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, issued by the
81 International Code Council;
- 82 (i) the 2021 edition of the International Existing Building Code, issued by the
83 International Code Council;
- 84 (j) subject to Subsection 15A-2-104(2), the HUD Code;
- 85 (k) subject to Subsection 15A-2-104(1), Appendix AE of the 2021 edition of the
86 International Residential Code, issued by the International Code Council;
- 87 (l) subject to Subsection 15A-2-104(1), the 2005 edition of the NFPA 225 Model
88 Manufactured Home Installation Standard, issued by the National Fire Protection
89 Association;
- 90 (m) subject to Subsection (3), for standards and guidelines pertaining to plaster on a
91 historic property, as defined in Section 9-8a-302, the U.S. Department of the Interior
92 Secretary's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic
93 Buildings;
- 94 (n) the residential provisions of the 2021 edition of the International Swimming Pool
95 and Spa Code, issued by the International Code Council; and
- 96 (o) Modular Building Institute Standards 1200 and 1205, issued by the International
97 Code Council, except as modified by provisions of this title governing modular units.

98 (2) Consistent with Title 65A, Chapter 8, Management of Forest Lands and Fire Control,

99 the Legislature adopts the [2006] 2024 edition of the [Utah Wildland Urban] International
100 Wildland-Urban Interface Code, issued by the International Code Council[, with the
101 alternatives or amendments approved by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State
102 Lands, as a construction code that may be adopted by a local compliance agency by
103 local ordinance or other similar action as a local amendment to the codes listed in this
104 section].

105 (3) The standards and guidelines described in Subsection (1)(m) apply only if:

- 106 (a) the owner of the historic property receives a government tax subsidy based on the
107 property's status as a historic property;
- 108 (b) the historic property is wholly or partially funded by public money; or
- 109 (c) the historic property is owned by a government entity.

110 Section 3. Section **15A-3-1101** is enacted to read:

15A-3-1101 . General provisions.

111 In IWUIC, Section 602 is deleted.

113 **Section 4. Effective Date.**

114 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.