

Thomas W. Peterson proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **Construction and Fire Codes Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Thomas W. Peterson

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill modifies the State Construction Code.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

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

11 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

12 None

13 **Other Special Clauses:**

14 This bill provides a special effective date.

15 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

16 **AMENDS:**

17 **15A-2-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 95

18 **15A-2-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 532

19 **ENACTS:**

20 **15A-3-1101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23 Section 1. Section **15A-2-102** is amended to read:

24 **15A-2-102 . Definitions.**

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

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

27 Construction Code:

28 (1) "HUD Code" means the Federal Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety

29 Standards Act, as issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and

30 published in 24 C.F.R. Parts 3280 and 3282 (as revised April 1, 1990).

31 (2) "IBC" means the edition of the International Building Code adopted under Section
32 15A-2-103.

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

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

37 (5) "IFGC" means the edition of the International Fuel Gas Code adopted under Section
38 15A-2-103.

39 (6) "IMC" means the edition of the International Mechanical Code adopted under Section
40 15A-2-103.

41 (7) "IPC" means the edition of the International Plumbing Code adopted under Section
42 15A-2-103.

43 (8) "IRC" means the edition of the International Residential Code adopted under Section
44 15A-2-103.

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

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

49 [(10)] (11) "NEC" means the edition of the National Electrical Code adopted under Section
50 15A-2-103.

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

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

54 **15A-2-103 . Specific editions adopted of construction code of a nationally
55 recognized code authority.**

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

63 (a) the 2021 edition of the International Building Code, including Appendices C and J,

64 issued by the International Code Council;

65 (b) the 2021 edition of the International Residential Code, issued by the International

66 Code Council;

67 (c) Appendix AQ of the 2021 edition of the International Residential Code, issued by the

68 International Code Council;

69 (d) the 2021 edition of the International Plumbing Code, issued by the International

70 Code Council;

71 (e) the 2021 edition of the International Mechanical Code, issued by the International

72 Code Council;

73 (f) the 2021 edition of the International Fuel Gas Code, issued by the International Code

74 Council;

75 (g) the 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code, issued by the National Fire

76 Protection Association;

77 (h) the 2021 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, issued by the

78 International Code Council;

79 (i) the 2021 edition of the International Existing Building Code, issued by the

80 International Code Council;

81 (j) subject to Subsection 15A-2-104(2), the HUD Code;

82 (k) subject to Subsection 15A-2-104(1), Appendix AE of the 2021 edition of the

83 International Residential Code, issued by the International Code Council;

84 (l) subject to Subsection 15A-2-104(1), the 2005 edition of the NFPA 225 Model

85 Manufactured Home Installation Standard, issued by the National Fire Protection

86 Association;

87 (m) subject to Subsection (3), for standards and guidelines pertaining to plaster on a

88 historic property, as defined in Section 9-8a-302, the U.S. Department of the Interior

89 Secretary's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic

90 Buildings;

91 (n) the residential provisions of the 2021 edition of the International Swimming Pool

92 and Spa Code, issued by the International Code Council; and

93 (o) Modular Building Institute Standards 1200 and 1205, issued by the International

94 Code Council, except as modified by provisions of this title governing modular units.

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

96 the Legislature adopts the [2006] 2024 edition of the [Utah Wildland Urban] International

97 Wildland-Urban Interface Code, issued by the International Code Council[,-with the

98 alternatives or amendments approved by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State
99 Lands, as a construction code that may be adopted by a local compliance agency by
100 local ordinance or other similar action as a local amendment to the codes listed in this
101 section].

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

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

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

108 **15A-3-1101 . General provisions.**

109 In IWUIC, Section 602 is deleted.

110 Section 4. **Effective Date.**

111 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.