

TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY

Town Council
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2015 International Codes

Every year the International Code Council (ICC), the publishers of the International Codes, holds hearings that are attended by building officials, architects, engineers and industry representatives.

Every three years the ICC publishes a new set of codes based on the information that was discussed and voted on at these hearings.



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During the year prior to adoption, the subject of updating to the new codes is a topic in each of the quarterly Community Development Bulletins and an agenda item at the quarterly Community Development Meetings.

The codes include the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Fire Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, the National Electric Code and the International Property Maintenance Code.



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It is important to the residents of the Town to have the latest codes adopted as the Insurance Services Office rating is significantly affected.

On a 1 to 10 scale (1 being the best) the rating can change from a 9 to a 3 simply by adopting the latest codes.



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The City of Phoenix, the City of Scottsdale, the City of Chandler and a number of other jurisdictions around the Valley attempt to adopt these new codes at the same time.

In an effort to coordinate that process, the Salt River Project has hosted several meetings for code officials to discuss the code changes and the adoption date.



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Some examples of the differences between the currently adopted 2012 International Residential Code (IRC) and the 2015 are:

- A new section was created to address sunroom construction.
- Penetrations (for hose bibbs, gas pipes and the like) are now allowed in walls between 2' and 5' from the property line.
- Reduced habitable room size from 120 sf to 70 sf.
- Moved the requirements for fire access ways around a photovoltaic system from the International Fire Code to the IRC.



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More examples:

- Recognizes the effectiveness of dryer exhaust duct power ventilators for longer duct runs.
- Clarifies the bonding requirements for Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (gas piping).
- Specifies the signage for non-potable water systems.
- Requires electrical receptacles within 6' of a bathtub to be Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter protected.



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Questions?

