



Land Development Services

Technical Bulletin

Subject: Adoption of the 2018 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC)

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Summary: Virginia to adopt the 2018 Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).

Effective Date: From July 1, 2021, until June 30, 2022, permit applicants may choose to use the technical provisions of either the 2015 or 2018 USBC. Mixing provisions between the two editions of the code is prohibited. Beginning July 1, 2022, all applications and plans must meet the 2018 USBC requirements.

Background: The 2018 USBC version will supersede the 2015 USBC.

Policy: On July 1, 2021, Virginia will adopt the 2018 Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), which references the codes listed below and includes the Virginia-specific technical amendments.

- 2018 International Building Code
- 2018 International Residential Code
- 2018 International Mechanical Code
- 2018 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2018 International Plumbing Code
- 2017 National Electrical Code (NFPA 70)
- 2018 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2018 International Pool and Spa Code
- 2018 International Existing Building Code
- 2018 International Property Maintenance Code

Virginia versions of the codes which incorporate the Virginia-specific provisions can be found at the [International Code Council \(ICC\) website](#). The administrative provisions and technical amendments of the USBC are available as individual documents below.

- [2018 Virginia Construction Code](#)
- [2018 Virginia Existing Building Code](#)
- [2018 Virginia Maintenance Code](#)
- [2018 Virginia Amusement Device Regulations](#)
- [2018 Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations](#)
- [2018 Building and Related Laws Package](#)
- 2018 Virginia Certifications Standards (coming soon)
- 2018 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (coming soon)
- 2018 Virginia Manufactured Home Safety Regulations (coming soon)

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