

Members of the Board of Building & Standards (BBRS) have voted that the next, tenth edition of the Massachusetts building code will be based on modified versions of the 2021 International Code series; specifically the:

- International Building Code (IBC);
- International Residential Code (IRC);
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC);
- International Existing Buildings Code (IEBC);
- International Mechanical Code (IMC);
- International Swimming Pool & Spa Code (ISPSC); and
- Portions of the International Fire Code.

Several Office of Public Safety & Inspection (OPSI) staff, advisory committees and study groups are in process of reviewing content of the referenced codes to advise BBRS members of changes made via the ICC process and typical revisions made in Massachusetts due to statutory requirements and other considerations.

OPSI staff, committees, and study groups began reporting on IBC chapters during the March 2021 BBRS meeting and will continue until all chapters have been reviewed and approved by BBRS members as final drafts.

It will take a while for all staff and committees to report to the BBRS to determine the final content. As the BBRS votes to approve draft chapters, they will be posted here for interested parties to follow progress towards the issuance of the tenth edition code. The posted chapters provide color-coded highlighting to help the reader understand how the tenth edition may differ from the ninth (*which is based on 2015 I-Code versions*).

- Traditional Massachusetts changes (*that have been made in the ninth and previous editions*) appear in **red text**;
- Massachusetts changes (*that have been proposed specific to the edition*) appear in **red text** with gray shading;
- Changes made by ICC from 2015 – 2018 appear in light blue highlighting; and
- Changes made by ICC from 2018 – 2021 appear in yellow highlighting.

Once final draft content is established, hearings will be convened to allow testimony from the public. Final content may change based on testimony received.

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The Board's primary focus has been review of the IBC. However, they have also reviewed and approved the IMC and ISPSC absent any Massachusetts amendments. Interested parties may view the 2021 versions of the IMC and ISPSC (*and all I-Codes*) @ the following link.

<https://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/i-codes>

Although not absolute, it will likely take the remainder of this year and into the next until all processes are completed, hopefully, with the tenth edition code available for use towards mid to late 2022.