CHAPTER 29 - PLUMBING SYSTEMS - AMENDMENTS

The ninth edition building code became first effective on October 20, 2017 and, with a shortened concurrency period, the new code came into full force and effect on January 1, 2018.

The new, ninth edition code is based on modified versions of the following 2015 International Codes as published by the International Code Council (ICC).

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

Massachusetts amends these code fairly significantly to accommodate for unique issues in the commonwealth. This package of amendments revise the IBC, IEBC, IMC, and IECC.

Please remember that the Massachusetts amendments posted on-line are unofficial versions and are meant for convenience only. Official versions of the Massachusetts amendments may be purchased from the State House Bookstore @ Shop the Bookstore and any of the I-Codes may be purchased from the International Code Council (ICC) @ iccsafe.org.

Additionally, the ICC publishes transition documents that identify changes from the 2009 to the 2015 I-Codes for those who may have interest.

- International Building Code (IBC) Transition
- International Residential Code (IRC) Transition.
2901.1 Scope. The provisions of 248 CMR: Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters shall govern the erection, installation, alteration, repairs, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of plumbing equipment and systems. Toilet and bathing rooms shall be constructed in accordance with 248 CMR or if applicable, section 1210. Plumbing systems and equipment shall be constructed, installed and maintained in accordance with 248 CMR. Private sewage disposal systems shall conform to 310 CMR 15.000: The State Environmental Code, Title 5: Standard Requirements for the Siting, Construction, Inspection, Upgrade and Expansion of On-site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems and for the Transport and Disposal of Septage.