



2019 CITY OF HOUSTON CONSTRUCTION CODES

The following are the current construction codes enforced by the City of Houston.

Code	Publisher	Effective Date
2012 International Residential Code (with Houston Amendments)	ICC	<i>February 1, 2016</i>
2012 International Building Code (with Houston Amendments)	ICC	<i>February 1, 2016</i>
2012 International Fire Code (with Houston Amendments)	ICC	<i>February 1, 2016</i>
2012 Uniform Mechanical Code (with Houston Amendments)	IAPMO	<i>February 1, 2016</i>
2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (with Houston Amendments)	IAPMO	<i>February 1, 2016</i>
2017 National Electrical Code (State Mandated)	NFPA	<i>September 15, 2017</i>
Sign Code	COH	
2015 International Energy Conservation Code (with Houston Amendments) <i>For One and Two-Family Dwellings and Multi-Family 3 stories or less.</i>	ICC	<i>October 24, 2016*</i>
2015 International Energy Conservation Code (with Houston Amendments) <i>For Commercial Structures, including Residential Structures more than 3 stories</i>	ICC	<i>December 9, 2016*</i>
ASHRAE 90.1-2013(with Houston Amendments) <i>For Commercial Structures, including Residential Structures more than 3 stories)</i>	ASHRAE	<i>December 9, 2016*</i>
2012 Code Word - various sections interpreted	COH	<i>N/A</i>

* The enforcement of Chapter 11 of the 2015 International Residential Code became mandatory by state law effective September 1, 2016. The enforcement of the 2015 IECC-Commercial Provisions became mandatory by state law effective November 1, 2016.

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Falls Church, VA 22041
Telephone 703-931-4533
<http://www.iccsafe.org>

IAPMO International Association of
Plumbing and Mechanical Officials
20001 Walnut Drive South
Walnut, CA 91789-2825
1 (800) 85-IAPMO
<http://www.iapmo.org>

NFPA National Fire Protection Association
1 Batterymarch Park
P.O. Box 9101
Quincy, MA 02269-9101
1 (800) 344-3555
<http://www.nfpa.org/>

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The Houston Amendments to the Codes, the Sign Code, and 2012 Code Word can be downloaded at:
www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/code-enforcement/publications.html.