



Code Update Newsletter

The Public Works and Engineering Department
Planning and Development Services Division

"Providing information pertaining to the Codes and how they affect you"

INCREASED PROVISIONS TO THE IECC FOR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

Effective February 1, 2013

As per City Ordinance 2013-5, the City of Houston Energy Code for residential structures will require that new buildings achieve an additional 5% efficiency above the currently adopted Houston Energy Code.

The additional increase in efficiency will require a total of 10% above-code energy savings after the effective date in lieu of the current 5%.

These provisions will affect **New Construction** of the following types of projects:

- One or Two Family Home
- Apartments 3 stories and less in height
- R-4 occupancies 3 stories and less in height

Compliance can be achieved by any of the methods codified in Section 110 of the Houston Energy Code. To access the code and revised forms and publications, please [click here](#).

For questions or additional information, please contact Lisa.Brown@houstontx.gov.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

PLAN REVIEW

Commercial- (832) 394-8810

One-Stop - (832) 394-8820 (*Commercial Remodels and Residential*)

INSPECTIONS

Building - (832) 394-8840

Mechanical - (832) 394-8850

Electrical - (832) 394-8860

Plumbing - (832) 394-8870

Occupancy/Life Safety - (832) 394-8880

Sign Administration - (832) 394-8890

PERMIT OFFICE

General - (832) 394-8899

Dacoma Office - (713) 686-6224

Kingwood Office - (281) 361-9580

Utility Releases - (832) 394-8847

OTHER INFORMATION

Customer Assistance & Code Development Office - (832) 394-9000

Automated Inspection Request Line - (713) 222-9922

Other City Departments- Dial 311

For Additional Permit Information:

You may obtain information about permits by visiting our website at www.houstonpermits.com. You will then be linked to our database of sold permits. If you have questions about any of these permits, please contact our Code Enforcement Group at (832) 394-9000.

To Reach Other City of Houston Departments:

<http://www.houstontx.gov> or dial 311

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