



## **Notice of Code Update**

**TO: All Interested Parties**

**RE: Update of the Iowa State Building and Fire Codes**

The Department of Public Safety, Division of the State Fire Marshal, has completed the Administrative Rule process which updated both the State Building Code and the State Fire Code. The updated codes went into effect on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. However, as with previous adoptions, there will be a transition period. Buildings subject to the State Building or Fire Codes may be constructed to either the new 2015 edition or previous 2009 edition of the adopted codes if the project is commenced no later than January 1, 2017. "Commenced" shall mean that the submitter has obtained preliminary approval from the State Fire Marshal's Office prior to July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. If final approval for the project design has not been obtained prior to January 1, 2017, the project is subject to the newly adopted codes.

The State Building Code has been updated to include the following code volumes and editions:

- 2015 International Building Code
- 2015 International Residential Code
- 2012 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2009 International Existing Building Code
- State Mechanical Code (as adopted by the Department of Public Health)
- State Plumbing Code (as adopted by the Department of Public Health)
- State Electrical Code (as adopted by the State Electrical Licensing Board)

The State Fire Code has been updated to the following code volumes and editions:

- 2015 International Fire Code
- 2015 International Building Code, Chapters 2 – 7, and sections 804 and 805

For amendments which were made to the adopted codes we recommend that you read the actual Administrative Rules @

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/agencies>

If you any questions regarding these issues, please feel free to contact us at (515) 725-6145 or at [bcinfo@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:bcinfo@dps.state.ia.us).

Sincerely,

Iowa State Building Code Bureau