


**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of the State Codes Advisory Committee  
Georgia Building Officials  
Industrialized Buildings Manufacturers and Third Party Agencies  
Interested Parties

**FROM:** Ted Miltiades, Director   
Office of Construction Codes and Research

**DATE:** August 1, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Intent to adopt new mandatory State Code and Georgia Amendments,  
Effective January 1, 2017

The State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) met on April 29, 2016. It recommended that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Board adopt the 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) with the 2014 Georgia Amendments as mandatory and the 2017 Georgia Amendment to the 2012 International Building Code (IBC).

The Notice Intention to Adopt, Synopsis, and proposed Georgia Amendments are available for review on the Georgia Department of Community Affairs webpage:

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/constructioncodes/programs/codeAmendments.asp>

The proposed new mandatory State Code and proposed Georgia Amendments will be presented to the Department of Community Affairs Board at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, 60 Executive Park South, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231. If approved, they will become effective January 1, 2017. If you have questions regarding the referenced documents, please contact the Construction Codes Program at 404-679-3118 or [constructioncodes@dca.ga.gov](mailto:constructioncodes@dca.ga.gov).

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cc: Rusty Haygood/Christopher Nunn, DCA

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT

- **2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code with Amendments**
- **Amendment to the 2012 International Building Code**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN at a meeting beginning at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, 60 Executive Park South, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231, the Board of Community Affairs intends to adopt the above-referenced code edition and amendments. If adopted by the Board, it is proposed the code edition and amendments identified above become effective on January 1, 2017.

The new mandatory state code and amendments to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes for construction are proposed for adoption under the authority granted to the Board of Community Affairs by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Section 8-2-23. The proposed Georgia Amendments are available for review on the Georgia Department of Community Affairs website <http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/constructioncodes/programs/codeAmendments.asp>

or by contacting the Construction Codes Program at 404-679-3118. The 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code with 2014 Georgia Amendments, and the Georgia Amendment to the 2012 International Building Code are available for inspection at the Department of Community Affairs, 60 Executive Park South, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231.

**In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, a public hearing has been scheduled for 10:30 A.M., Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the Department of Community Affairs, Room 302, 60 Executive Park South, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231.**

Any party wishing to express views or opinions regarding the proposed new mandatory state code and proposed Georgia Amendments may do so by submitting them in writing by close of business on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 to: Ted Miltiades, Director, Office of Construction Codes and Research, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, 60 Executive Park South, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, 30329-2231 or by presenting them at the public hearing.

**This 1st day of August, 2016.**

  
Camila Knowles, Commissioner



**THE 2012 ADOPTED INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE WITH  
GEORGIA AMENDMENTS, GEORGIA AMENDMENT TO THE 2012  
INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE**

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE**

If adopted by the Board of Community Affairs, the proposed rule would adopt the **INTERNATIONAL 2012 SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE** with the 2014 Georgia Amendments as mandatory.

**Furthermore**, if adopted by the Board of Community Affairs, the proposed rule would adopt the following Georgia Amendment to the **INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE**.

**INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2012 EDITION**

- Delete Section 3006.4 'Machine rooms and machinery spaces' and substitute to read.



# Georgia State Amendments to the International Building Code (2012 Edition)



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**Revised January 1, 2017**

**GEORGIA STATE MINIMUM STANDARD BUILDING CODE  
(INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE WITH GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS)**

**The INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2012 Edition, published by the International Code Council, when used in conjunction with these and any other Georgia State Amendments to the INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2012 Edition, shall constitute the official *Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code*.**

**GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS**

**CODE REFERENCE:**

- (a) Replace all references to the ICC *Electrical Code* with references to the *Georgia State Minimum Standard Electrical Code (National Electrical Code with Georgia State Amendments)*.
- (b) Replace all references to the *International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)* with references to the *Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code (IECC with Georgia State Supplements and Amendments)*. The *Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code* shall be used for efficiency and coefficient of performance ratings of equipment.

**APPENDICES:**

Appendices are not enforceable unless they are specifically referenced in the body of the code or adopted by the Department of Community Affairs or the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

**SCOPE:**

The provisions of the *Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code* shall apply to the construction, *alteration*, relocation, enlargement, replacement, *repair*, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

**Exception #1:** Detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses separated by a 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly, not more than three *stories* above *grade plane* in height with a separate *means of egress* and their accessory structures shall comply with the *Georgia State Minimum Standard One and Two Family Dwelling Code (International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings with Georgia State Amendments)*.

**Exception #2:** The following table titled 'Codes Reference Guide' establishes specific primary and supplementary code applications and is to be applied by the authority having jurisdiction.

## CODES REFERENCE GUIDE

Area	Primary	Supplement
Occupancy Classification	LSC	IBC
Building Construction Types including allowable height, allowable building areas, and the requirements for sprinkler protection related to minimum building construction types.	IBC	LSC
Means of Egress	LSC	NONE
Standpipes	IBC	IFC
Interior Finish	LSC	NONE
HVAC Systems	IMC	NONE
Vertical Openings	LSC	NONE
Sprinkler Systems minimum construction standard	LSC	NONE
Fire Alarm Systems	LSC	NONE
Smoke Alarms and Smoke Detection Systems	State Statute and LSC	NONE
Portable Fire Extinguishers	IFC	NONE
Cooking Equipment	LSC and NFPA 96	NONE
Fuel Fired Appliances	IFGC	NFPA 54
Liquid Petroleum Gas	NFPA 58	NFPA 54
Compressed Natural Gas	NFPA 52	NONE

*\*Revise the International Building Code, 2012 Edition, as follows:*

**CHAPTER 30  
ELEVATORS AND CONVEYING SYSTEMS**

**SECTION 3006  
MACHINE ROOMS**

\*Delete Section 3006.4 'Machine rooms and machinery spaces' and substitute to read:

**3006.4 Machine rooms and machinery spaces.** Elevator machine rooms and machinery spaces shall be enclosed with *fire barriers* constructed in accordance with Section 707 or *horizontal assemblies* constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both. The *fire- resistance rating* shall be not less two hours. Openings in the *fire barriers* shall be protected with assemblies having a *fire protection rating* not less than that required for the hoistway enclosure doors.

**Exception:**

Where machine rooms and machinery spaces do not meet the required *fire- resistance rating*, they shall require sprinklers and shunt trip breaker in accordance with NFPA 72.  
(Effective January 1, 2017)

**End of Amendments.**