



Construction Codes

MANDATORY CODES

- International Building Code
- International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
- International Fire Code
- International Plumbing Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Fuel Gas Code
- National Electrical Code
- International Energy Conservation Code
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

PERMISSIVE CODES

- Disaster Resilient Building Code IBC Appendix
- Disaster Resilient Building Code IRC Appendix
- International Property Maintenance Code
- International Existing Building Code
- National Green Building Standard

Program Overview

Construction codes have become an important issue for Georgia's local governments, building professionals and citizens alike. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs facilitates and convenes advisory groups for specific topics related to building and community development, leads the adoption process of statewide standards, provides technical assistance to local communities by drafting model codes and resolutions, and offers workshops on code and building-related topics. The Uniform Codes Act outlines mandatory and permissive state codes. Each of these separate codes typically consist of a base code (e.g. The International Building Code as published by the International Code Council) and a set of Georgia amendments to the base code. The mandatory codes are applicable to all construction whether or not they are locally enforced and the permissive codes are only applicable if a local government chooses to adopt and enforce one or more of these codes.