

**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 <sup>TM</sup>  
Office of Construction Codes and Industrialized Buildings

**DATE:** June 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Intent to adopt new 2022 additional Georgia Amendment, Effective September 1, 2022 and new 2023 Georgia Amendments, Effective January 1, 2023

The State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) met on June 2, 2022. The SCAC recommended that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Board adopts the 2022 additional Georgia Amendment to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code to be effective September 1, 2022. The SCAC also recommended that the DCA Board adopts the 2023 Georgia Amendments to the 2018 International Plumbing Code and the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code be effective January 1, 2023.

The Notice of Intention to Adopt, Synopsis, and proposed Georgia Amendments are available for review on the Georgia Department of Community Affairs web page: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/7988>

The proposed Georgia Amendments will be presented to the Department of Community Affairs Board at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at the DCA main office, 60 Executive Park South, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 in Boardroom #302. If approved, the 2022 additional Georgia Amendments will become effective September 1, 2022. Furthermore, if approved the 2023 Georgia Amendments will become effective January 1, 2023. If you have questions regarding the referenced documents, please contact the Construction Codes Program at 404-679-3118 or [codes@dca.ga.gov](mailto:codes@dca.ga.gov).

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cc: Christopher Nunn, DCA  
cc: Christy Barnes, DCA  
cc: Rusty Haygood, DCA  
cc: Kyle Hood, DCA

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT**

- **2022 additional Amendment to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code**
- **2023 Amendments to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code**
- **2023 Amendments to the 2018 International Plumbing Code**

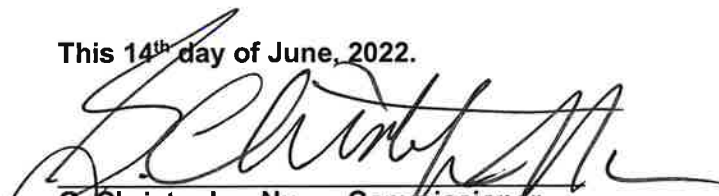
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN at a meeting beginning at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, 60 Executive Park South, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329-2231, in Boardroom #302, the Board of Community Affairs intends to adopt the above-referenced code amendments. If adopted by the Board, it is proposed the 2022 additional amendment identified above become effective on September 1, 2022. Furthermore, if adopted by the Board, it is proposed that the 2023 amendments identified above become effective on January 1, 2023.

The new 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: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/7988> or by contacting the Construction Codes Program at 404-679-3118. The proposed 2022 additional amendment and 2023 amendments 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 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at the Department of Community Affairs, Room 302, 60 Executive Park South, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231.**

Any party wishing to express views or opinions regarding the proposed Georgia Amendments may do so by submitting them in writing by close of business on Friday, July 15, 2022, to Ted Miltiades, Director, Office of Construction Codes, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, 60 Executive Park South, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, 30329-2231, or by presenting them at the public hearing.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

  
G. Christopher Nunn, Commissioner

  
Min Commissioner Expires 8/10/2025



**GEORGIA AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY  
CONSERVATION CODE AND GEORGIA AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018  
INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE**

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULES**

If adopted by the Board of Community Affairs, the proposed rule would adopt the following Georgia Amendments to the **INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, 2015 Edition**:

**INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, 2015 EDITION:**

- Add a new section “Important Note” beneath the “Residential Provisions” heading in the Georgia State Supplements and Amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (2015 Edition) as follows:
- Revise Table 402.1.2 ‘Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component<sup>a</sup>’ header ‘Floor *R*-Value’ and add new footnote ‘j’ to read as follows:
- Revise Table 402.1.4 ‘Equivalent *U*-Factors<sup>a</sup>’ header ‘Floor *U*-Value’ and add new footnote ‘d’ to read as follows:
- Revise Underfloor Insulation in Appendix RA Georgia Insulation Installation – *Passing Grade Details* (p.45) to read as follows:

**FURTHERMORE**, if adopted by the Board of Community Affairs, the proposed rule would adopt the following Georgia Amendment to the **INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, 2018 Edition**:

**INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, 2018 EDITION:**

- Delete Table 403.1 ‘Minimum Number of Required Plumbing Fixtures’ from the International Plumbing Code 2020 Amendments.



# **Georgia State Supplements and Amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (2015 Edition)**

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(INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE  
WITH GEORGIA STATE SUPPLEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS)**

The **INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, 2015 Edition**, published by the **International Code Council**, when used in conjunction with these **Georgia State Supplements, Amendments and any other Georgia State Amendments**, shall constitute the official *Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code*.

**GEORGIA STATE SUPPLEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS**

**SCOPE:**

Each chapter of these Georgia State Supplements and Amendments corresponds with a chapter of the *International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)*.

***Commercial Provisions***

- Chapter 1: Scope and Administration
- Chapter 2: Definitions
- Chapter 3: General Requirements
- Chapter 4: Commercial Energy Efficiency
  - Compliance Pathways for Commercial and High-Rise Residential Construction:
    - Any of those delineated in this chapter; or
    - *COMcheck*<sup>1</sup>
- Chapter 5: Existing Buildings
- Chapter 6: Referenced Standards

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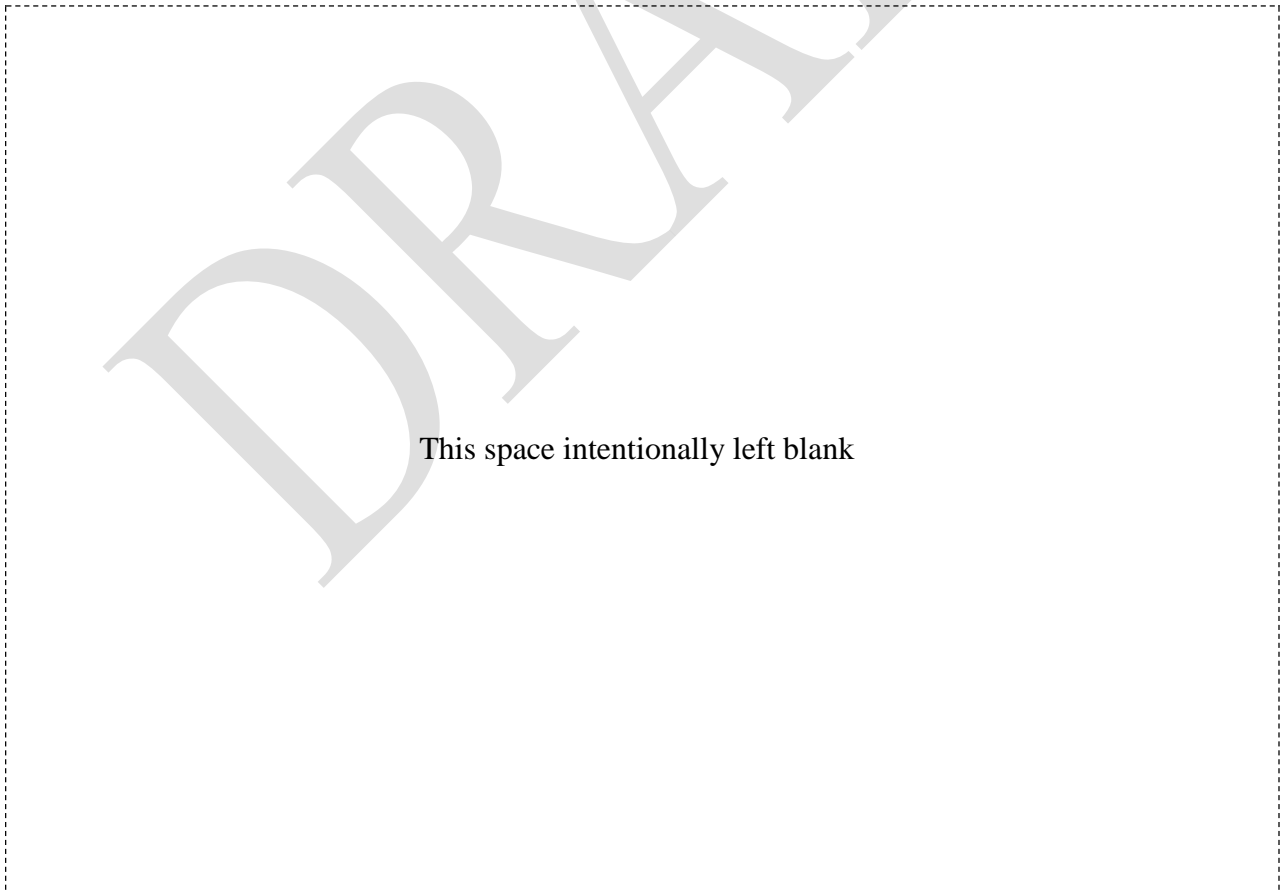
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It is not the intention of this code to abridge safety or health. Where the *IECC* and these Georgia State Supplements and Amendments conflict with other mandatory *State Minimum Standard Codes*, the *IECC* and these Georgia State Supplements and Amendments shall be enforced as written, provided that safety, health or environmental requirements of other mandatory *State Minimum Standard Codes* are not abridged.

**APPENDICES:**

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## **RESIDENTIAL PROVISIONS**

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**End of Amendments.**

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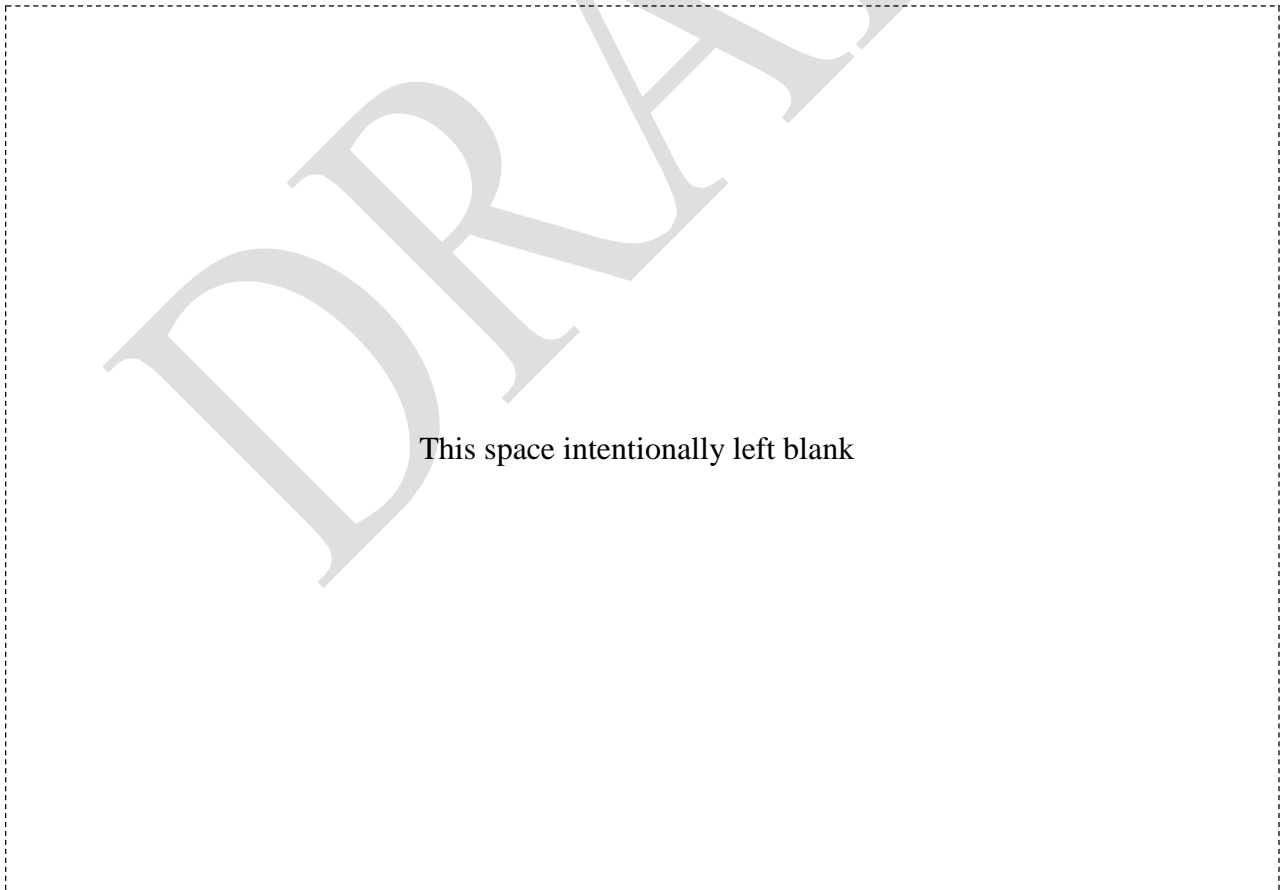
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### CHAPTER 4 [RE] RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

#### SECTION R402 BUILDING THERMAL ENVELOPE

\* Revise Table 402.1.2 ‘Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component<sup>a</sup>’ header ‘Floor R-Value’ and add new footnote ‘j’ to read as follows:

<b>TABLE R402.1.2 INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT<sup>a</sup></b>											
Climate Zone	Fenestration U-Factor <sup>b</sup>	Skylight <sup>b</sup> U-Factor	Glazed Fenestration SHGC <sup>b,e</sup>	Ceiling R-Value	Wood Frame Wall R-Value	Attic Kneewall R-Value <sup>i</sup>	Mass Wall R-Value	Floor R-Value <sup>l</sup>	Wall R-Value <sup>c</sup>	Slab <sup>d</sup> R-Value & Depth	Crawl Space <sup>c</sup> Wall R-Value
2	0.35	0.65	0.27	38	13	18	4/6	13	0	0	0
3	0.35	0.55	0.27	38	13	18	8/13	19	5/13 <sup>f</sup>	0	5/13
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j: Cantilevered floors over outside air shall be R-30 and the band area above the supporting wall shall be blocked; penetrations of blocking shall be air sealed.  
(Effective January 1, 2023)

\* Revise Table 402.1.4 ‘Equivalent U-Factors<sup>a</sup>’ header ‘Floor U-Value’ and add new footnote ‘d’ to read as follows:

<b>TABLE R402.1.4 EQUIVALENT U-FACTORS<sup>a</sup></b>								
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2	0.35	0.65	0.030	0.084	0.165	0.064	0.360	0.477
3	0.35	0.55	0.030	0.084	0.098	0.047	0.091 <sup>c</sup>	0.136
4 except marine	0.35	0.55	0.030	0.084	0.098	0.047	0.059	0.065

d: Cantilevered floors over outside air shall be U-0.035 and the band area above the supporting wall shall be blocked; penetrations of blocking shall be air sealed.  
(Effective January 1, 2023)

\* Revise Underfloor Insulation in Appendix RA Georgia Insulation Installation – *Passing Grade Details* (p.45) to read as follows:

**Underfloor insulation** that makes up portions of the building thermal envelope shall be installed to Passing Grade quality.

Two criteria affect installed insulation grading: **voids/ gaps** (in which no insulation is present in a portion of the overall insulated surface) and **compression/incomplete fill** (in which the insulation does not fully fill out or extend to the desired depth). Cantilevered floors over outside air shall be R-30 and the band area above the supporting wall shall be blocked; penetrations of blocking shall be air sealed.  
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**End of Amendments.**



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**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.

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**CHAPTER 4  
FIXTURES, FAUCETS AND FIXTURE FITTINGS**

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**End of Amendments.**