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CODE EPISODE

THE STATE CODES ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS MOVING FORWARD WITH NEW CODE EDITIONS

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) is moving forward with the adoption of new code editions. The DCA Board, on the recommendation of the SCAC, has adopted the 2000 Standard Plumbing Code, (2000 International Plumbing Code), 2000 Standard Gas Code (2000 International Fuel Gas Code) and 2000 Standard Mechanical Code (2000 International Mechanical Code). All three code editions have Georgia amendments that are applicable statewide. The effective date for the new code editions and amendments are January 1, 2001.

In an effort to help states with implementation of the International

Codes, SBCCI is publishing the codes with SBCCI covers. Therefore, when purchasing the new code books, request the 2000 Standard Plumbing, 2000 Standard Mechanical and the 2000 Standard Gas Codes for Georgia with Georgia Amendments. You may also download the amendments from the DCA web page at www.dca.state.ga.us.

If you have any questions, please contact the DCA codes consultant who was assigned to the code in which you are interested. The assignments were as follows:

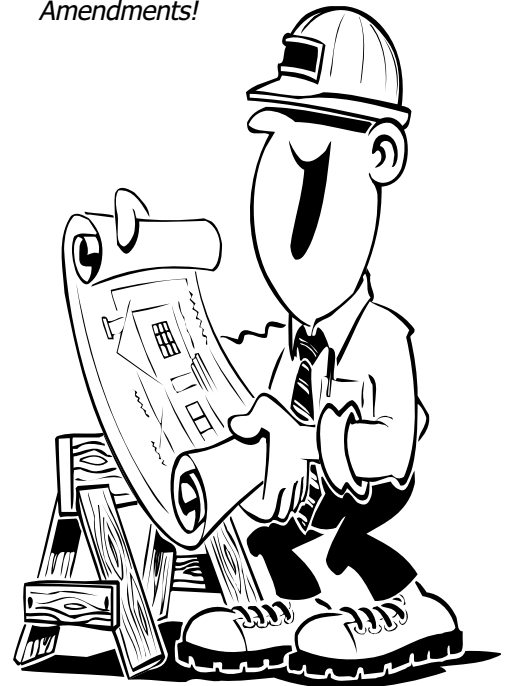
Standard Plumbing Code (International Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition): Wayne DuBose (404) 679-3116

Standard Gas Code (International Fuel Gas Code, 2000 Edition): John Watts (404) 679-5246

Standard Mechanical Code (International Mechanical Code, 2000 Edition): Bill Towson (404) 679-3104

CODY SAYS:

Get Ready for the 2000 Editions of the Standard Gas, Plumbing and Mechanical Codes with Georgia Amendments!



THE NEXT STEP

The SCAC met on July 27, 2000. The SCAC formed four new International Code Task Forces. The Chair and Vice Chair of each Task Force has been appointed from the SCAC and DCA staff has been assigned. There are seven individuals on each Task Force. The Task Forces are now up and running and will have an ambitious schedule for the next six to eight months. If you would like to be on the interested parties list for one or more of the Task Forces, please contact the appropriate DCA staff person. The plans are for these code editions and amendments to become effective January 1, 2002. The make up of the new Task Forces are as follows:

International Building (IBC), Residential (IRC) and Fire (IFC) Codes
(Note the IBC was split into two Task Forces: Life Safety and General Design)

IBC: Life Safety

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| <i>Chairman</i> | 1. Bill Chambless, SCAC and Building Officials |
| <i>Vice Chair</i> | 2. Bob Magbee, SCAC and Building Materials Dealers |
| | 3. David Bitter, Architects Design Profession |
| | 4. Jay Craytor, Consulting Engineers |
| | 5. Ted Benning, General Contractors |

6. Eddy Willingham, BOAG

7. Hal Cosper, Building Officials

Liaison with IFC: Jennifer DeWeese,
Weeks Construction Company

DCA Staff: Bill Towson (404) 679-3104
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IBC: General Design

Chairman: 1. Rex Pless, SCAC and Structural Engineers

- Vice Chair:* 2. Gerald Driver, SCAC and General Contractors
- 3. Dan Spradlin, Consulting Engineers
- 4. David Lanphear, Building Officials
- 5. Ed Davis, Building Officials
- 6. Jack Bailey, Architect
- 7. Bill Cushard, GA. Apt. Association

DCA Staff: Mike Lindsey (404) 679-4845 and Bill Towson (404) 679-3104

IRC: Chairman: 1. Gregori Anderson, SCAC and Building Officials

- Vice Chair:* 2. Weldon Nash, SCAC and Home Builders
- 3. W. D. Farmer, Residential Designers
- 4. Kenny King, Home Builders
- 5. Ben Cox, Engineering, Inc.
- 6. Steve Howard, Building Officials
- 7. Tony Walsh, Local Fire Officials

Liaison with IFC: Earl Ferguson

DCA Staff: Wayne DuBose (404) 679-3116 and Jerry Hurd-Smith (404) 679-3102

Fire: Chairman: 1. Johnny Pritchett, SCAC and Local Fire Officials

- Vice Chair:* 2. Earl Ferguson, SCAC and Manufactured Homes
- 3. Jennifer DeWeese, Weeks Construction Company
- 4. Lee Smith, Building Officials
- 5. Tim Eckenwiler, GA. Fire Inspectors Association
- 6. Bill Cartwright, GA. Apt. Association
- 7. Tamara Goffman, Atlanta Fire Department

DCA Staff: John Watts (404) 679-5246 and Jerry Hurd-Smith (404) 679-3102

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF AMENDMENTS COMING UP FAST!

The deadline for the submittal of amendments for the 2001 code cycle is **December 15, 2000**. **This includes amendments for the International Building Code, International Residential Code and the International Fire Code!** All amendments must be submitted on the proper code amendment form on hard copy and electronically. You can get a copy of this form by visiting our website or by calling the codes office at (404) 679-3118 and requesting that an amendment form with instructions be faxed or mailed to you.

SBCCI ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The 2000 SBCCI Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee was a big success. The conference was well attended by Georgia delegates. **Some Highlights:** Bill Duck, Columbus/Muscogee, was re-elected Vice President of SBCCI. The West Georgia Inspectors Association (WGIA) received the SBCCI Chapter of the Year Award. The Coastal Georgia Inspectors Association (CGIA) received the SBCCI Chapter Award of Merit. BOAG President Mike Ashley presented a \$5,000 check to the SBCCI Scholarship Fund.

STANDARD PLUMBING CODE 2000 EDITION:

DCA's Construction Codes Program strives to present you with information which is as accurate and error free as possible. However, mechanical errors sometimes go unnoticed. In our effort to provide you with the most accurate information available, please make note of the attached correction to the Georgia Amendments to the 2000 Edition of the Standard Plumbing Code. Please remove the corresponding page from the amendments we sent you and replace with the corrected copy. We apologize for any inconvenience.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

January:

25 State Codes Advisory Committee at DCA

February:

9-12 NAHB International Builders Show, Atlanta, GA.

March:

17-30 ICC Code Hearings, Portland, OR.

April:

**12 State Codes Advisory Committee at DCA
21-25 BOAG Annual Conference, Macon, GA.**

July:

12 State Codes Advisory Committee at DCA

October:

28- Nov 1 SBCCI Annual Conference, Greensboro, N.C.

If you have any meetings that you would like to include in this newsletter, please contact the Construction Codes Section at (404) 679-3118.

PROFILE CORNER

Michael (Wayne) DuBose has been with DCA for nearly 4 years. He currently provides explanations of the State Minimum Standard Codes with an emphasis on residential construction and plumbing codes. Wayne is currently the staff member assigned to the International Residential Code (IRC) Task Force responsible for reviewing the IRC codes. Any questions concerning the Task Force should be directed to Wayne.

Having been a residential builder, fee paid inspector, and employed as the Senior Residential Inspector for Barrow County, his knowledge of practical application as well as real world experience in the construction field offer a unique approach in answering code questions.

Wayne currently holds SBCCI certificates as a One and Two Family Dwelling, Housing Rehabilitation, and Plumbing Inspector. He has also held a State License as a Class 3 Water Treatment System Operator.

If you have any questions concerning the residential construction or plumbing codes, please contact Wayne at (404) 679-3116.



Wayne DuBose

2001 CODES TRAINING IN GEORGIA

SBCCI will conduct codes and continuing education training in Georgia. Course locations will include Atlanta, Macon and Savannah. For a complete list of courses, dates, fees, etc. please contact SBCCI at 1-800-877-2224 or www.sbcci.org.

Clayton College and State University will also be providing codes training and continuing education this year. Their program will be up and running early next year. For additional information, please contact Reda

Rowell, Continuing Education Division, at (770) 961-3416 or redarowell@mail.clayton.edu.



Q: Do any of the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes require ignition sources in locations other than residential garages to be elevated 18 inches?

A: NO!

The CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code (1307.3) as well as the Standard Gas Code (402.7) requires the elevation of ignition sources if located in a residential garage. Also the National Fuel Gas Code (5.1.9) requires elevation if located in a garage. The National Fuel Gas Code (5.1.8) states in part that: "Flammable liquids shall not be stored where gas appliances are present."

The Manufacturer's installation instructions

generally state: Do not install appliance where flammable products will be stored or used unless the ignition source is at least 18" above the floor. **The appliance warning label generally states:** Do not use or store flammable products such as gasoline, solvents, or adhesives in the same room or area as the appliance. In summary, the Georgia State Minimum Codes do not require elevation of ignition sources unless the appliance is located in a garage.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
www.dca.state.ga.us

State of Georgia
www.state.ga.us

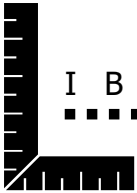
Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI)
www.sbcci.org

State Fire Marshal
www.inscomm.state.ga.us

International Codes Council (ICC)
www.intlcode.org

National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)
www.nahb.com

Building Officials Association of Georgia
<http://boag-codes.tripod.com>



I B A N G L E

All buildings constructed in factories within the state of Georgia, and those manufactured in other states and brought into Georgia come under the auspices of Georgia's Industrialized Buildings Program. The Industrialized Buildings Program requires that all buildings and building components produced in Georgia or imported into Georgia from other areas have an insignia attached which indicates that its plans have been reviewed and it has been inspected during the manufacturing process by a DCA approved quality control agency.

Builders and developers are, to a greater extent than in previous years, incorporating industrialized buildings and building components into their development plans. This increased use of manufactured buildings and building components has brought a marked increase in the number of applications from industrialized building manufacturers seeking approval from the state of Georgia. Over the past twelve months, nine applications have been processed, and the newly approved manufacturers welcomed into the program. In previous years, only three to four applications would have been expected over this twelve-month period. With the addition of these newly approved manufacturers, Georgia now has 173 manufacturers approved for its Industrialized Buildings Program.

For additional information on Georgia's Industrialized Buildings Program, please call Jerry Hurd-Smith or John Watts at (404) 679-3102 or (404) 679-5246.

UPDATE ON ACCESSIBILITY IN ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS

In 1998, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) held a Task Force to address proposed state code amendments regarding Accessibility in One and Two Family Dwellings. The Task Force presented a final report to the State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) on July 23, 1998.

This Task Force recommended that the SCAC urge the Home Builders Association of Georgia (HBAG) to encourage and track the usage of its Voluntary Accessibility and Adaptability Guidelines Program. It also asked that the HBAG report back to the SCAC on an annual basis.

Since then, HBAG has surveyed its membership regularly for the number of homes that their builders have incorporated accessible features. The survey and results are published in HBAG's "Georgia Builder Magazine" biannually and in their quarterly newsletter "Builder Update".

The HBAG made their FY 2000



Accessibility Report to the SCAC at the October 26th meeting. In addition, HBAG announced a new marketing program called "Easy Living Home" that was developed in cooperation with several local and state organizations that advocate accessibility.

The SCAC was very pleased with their report and the proactive approach that HBAG has taken with accessibility. A copy of the survey and new program information may be obtained from the HBAG. For more information, please contact Bettie Sleeth, HBAG Regulatory Affairs Director, at (404) 763-2456.

THE STATE CODES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2001

Seated, left to right: S. Alan Lisenby, William H. Chambless, Jr., Morgan Wheeler, Earl Ferguson, Windell Peters, Weldon A. Nash, Jr. and Gregori Anderson.

Standing, left to right: Ted Miltiades, Gregg Johnson, Barry Abernathy, Gerald Driver, Tony Walsh, Danny Lundstrom, Jim Vaseff and Mercer Crowe.

