

COCHISE COUNTY

2015 ICC Building Codes Update

Development Services

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Reasons to update the existing building codes

- Consistency with incorporated jurisdictions
- Requested by local contractors/homebuilders
- Changes in technology innovation
- Improved ways to increase safety and efficiency

The main purpose of building codes is to provide minimum standards to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare as they relate to the construction and occupancy of buildings and structures.



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Building Code Advisory and Appeals Board (BCAAB)

- April 2021- met to discuss moving to the 2015 ICC building codes and other related codes.
- May 2021- met to discuss local amendments and made recommendation to BOS.

The Building Official has reviewed the code changes and amendments with internal building staff and other jurisdiction staff.



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Adopted building codes in Cochise County communities:

Benson- 2015 IRC/IBC

Sierra Vista- 2015 IRC/IBC

Bisbee- 2012 IRC/IBC

Huachuca City- 2012 IRC/IBC

Tombstone- 2006 IRC/IBC

Douglas- 2006 IRC/IBC

Willcox- 2003 IRC/IBC



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Building codes recommended for adoption:

2015 Editions:

- International Building Code
- International Residential Code
- International Existing Building Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Plumbing Code
- International Fuel Gas Code
- International Fire Code
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

2014 Edition:

- NFPA 70 National Electrical Code

2018 Edition:

- IRC Appendix Q Tiny Houses

Maintain the following adopted building code:

2012 edition:

- International Energy Conservation Code for residential and commercial construction



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Staff recommend adoption of the 2015 International Building Code and other related codes including Appendices and Amendments.

