

The following are the current construction codes enforced by the City of Houston.

| Code | Publisher | Effective Date |
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| 2012 International Residential Code (with Houston Amendments) | ICC | <i>February 1, 2016</i> |
| 2012 International Building Code (with Houston Amendments) | ICC | <i>February 1, 2016</i> |
| 2012 International Fire Code (with Houston Amendments) | ICC | <i>February 1, 2016</i> |
| 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code (with Houston Amendments) | IAPMO | <i>February 1, 2016</i> |
| 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (with Houston Amendments) | IAPMO | <i>February 1, 2016</i> |
| 2017 National Electrical Code (State Mandated) | NFPA | <i>September 15, 2017</i> |
| Sign Code | COH | |
| 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (with Houston Amendments) - For One and Two-Family Dwellings and Multi-Family 3 stories or less. | ICC | <i>October 24, 2016*</i> |
| 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (with Houston Amendments) - For Commercial Structures, including Residential Structures more than 3 stories | ICC | <i>December 9, 2016*</i> |
| ASHRAE 90.1-2013 (with Houston Amendments) For Commercial Structures, including Residential Structures more than 3 stories) | ASHRAE | <i>December 9, 2016*</i> |
| 2012 Code Word - various sections interpreted | COH | <i>N/A</i> |

* The enforcement of Chapter 11 of the 2015 International Residential Code became mandatory by state law effective September 1, 2016. The enforcement of the 2015 IECC-Commercial Provisions became mandatory by state law effective November 1, 2016.

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The Houston Amendments to the Codes, the Sign Code, and 2012 Code Word can be downloaded at:
<https://www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/help/codes>