

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

| Code                                                                                                                                                           | Publisher | Effective Date           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <b>2012 International Residential Code (with Houston Amendments)</b>                                                                                           | ICC       | <i>February 1, 2016</i>  |
| <b>2012 International Building Code (with Houston Amendments)</b>                                                                                              | ICC       | <i>February 1, 2016</i>  |
| <b>2012 International Fire Code (with Houston Amendments)</b>                                                                                                  | ICC       | <i>February 1, 2016</i>  |
| <b>2012 Uniform Mechanical Code (with Houston Amendments)</b>                                                                                                  | IAPMO     | <i>February 1, 2016</i>  |
| <b>2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (with Houston Amendments)</b>                                                                                                    | IAPMO     | <i>February 1, 2016</i>  |
| <b>2020 National Electrical Code (State Mandated)</b>                                                                                                          | NFPA      | <i>November 1, 2020</i>  |
| <b>Sign Code</b>                                                                                                                                               | COH       |                          |
| <b>2015 International Energy Conservation Code (with Houston Amendments) - For One and Two-Family Dwellings and Multi-Family 3 stories or less.</b>            | ICC       | <i>October 24, 2016*</i> |
| <b>2015 International Energy Conservation Code (with Houston Amendments) - For Commercial Structures, including Residential Structures more than 3 stories</b> | ICC       | <i>December 9, 2016*</i> |
| <b>ASHRAE 90.1-2013 (with Houston Amendments)<br/>For Commercial Structures, including Residential Structures more than 3 stories)</b>                         | ASHRAE    | <i>December 9, 2016*</i> |
| <b>2012 Code Word</b> - 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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Falls Church, VA 22041  
Telephone 703-931-4533  
<http://www.iccsafe.org>

**IAPMO** International Association of  
Plumbing and Mechanical Officials  
20001 Walnut Drive South  
Walnut, CA 91789-2825  
1 (800) 85-IAPMO  
<http://www.iapmo.org>

**NFPA** National Fire Protection Association  
1 Batterymarch Park  
P.O. Box 9101  
Quincy, MA 02269-9101  
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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>