

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

Code	Publisher	Effective Date
2015 International Residential Code (with Houston Amendments)	ICC	<i>April 1, 2022</i>
2015 International Building Code (with Houston Amendments)	ICC	<i>April 1, 2022</i>
2015 International Fire Code (with Houston Amendments)	ICC	<i>April 1, 2022</i>
2015 International Existing Building Code (with Houston Amendments)	ICC	<i>April 1, 2022</i>
2015 Uniform Mechanical Code (with Houston Amendments)	IAPMO	<i>April 1, 2022</i>
2015 Uniform Plumbing Code (with Houston Amendments)	IAPMO	<i>April 1, 2022</i>
2018 Swimming Pool and Spa Code (with Houston Amendments)	ICC	<i>April 1, 2022</i>
2020 National Electrical Code (State Mandated) ♦ Administrative Code Provisions (Effective April 1, 2022)	NFPA	<i>November 1, 2020</i>
Sign Code (Chapter 46 of the Houston Building Code)	COH	<i>July 29, 2020</i>
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>
2015 Code Words - various sections interpreted and administrative policies	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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IAPMO International Association of
Plumbing and Mechanical Officials
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NFPA National Fire Protection Association
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The Houston Amendments to the Codes, the Sign Code, and 2015 Code Word can be downloaded at:
<https://www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/help/codes>