



CONSTRUCTION CODE MODERNIZATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS HOUSTON'S CONSTRUCTION CODE MODERNIZATION PROJECT?

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the development community, Houston Public Works intends to adopt the 2021 edition of construction codes as a base code with only local amendments that are more stringent than the base code.

For more information, review page 8 of the [Public Participation Plan](#).

2. HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS?

The Construction Code Modernization Project will host all updates and information on a special web page under Houston Permitting Center.

You can participate in the code development process by volunteering on a Task Force Group or the Construction Code Modernization Committee, or by submitting a code amendment proposal. You can also sign up for our newsletter to receive project updates and information via email.

Visit the Code Modernization project's home page to learn more:
www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/construction-code-modernization

3. WHAT IS A TASK FORCE GROUP AND HOW DO I SIGN-UP?

Four specialized Task Force Groups (TFG) will be established with broad expertise in the four code groupings listed below that cover the proposed 2021 edition of construction codes. Members will be selected for their industry expertise in a code category. Those that participate in a task force will be on the front lines with the Houston Code Development Committee (made up of City staff) and meet up to 3 days per week while focusing on their area of expertise. There will be 15-25 participants per TFG.

For more information, visit the [Committee and Task Forces](#) page or review pages 22-31 of the [Public Participation Plan](#).

4. WHAT IS THE CONSTRUCTION CODE MODERNIZATION COMMITTEE AND HOW DO I SIGN-UP?

The Construction Code Modernization Committee (CCMC) is made up of 50-70 subject matter experts from City and industry including, but not limited to:

- Building owners, developers, design professionals, contractors, flood control engineers, energy experts, and affordable housing advocates.
- Members of the Houston Code Development Committee comprised of employees from multiple City departments including, but not limited to, Houston Public Works, Planning, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Mayor's Office of Recovery, Mayor's Offices of Resilience and Sustainability, Houston Emergency Center, General Services Administration, Police and Fire Departments, and Mayor's Development Office.

The Construction Code Modernization Committee will review and advise the Houston Code Development Committee on the technical merits updated construction codes and any CCMC code change recommendations.

For more information, visit the [Committee and Task Forces](#) page or review pages 22-31 of the [Public Participation Plan](#).

5. HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO SERVE ON A TFG OR THE CCMC?

You will receive a phone call or an email from the City to confirm your type of participation.

Our goal is to create inclusive, diverse groups with as many associations and organizations engaged with construction codes so that everyone can be at the table sharing their organization's insights into the codes as well as their specific interest. To ensure diversity, only one member of an association or organization may serve on a task force or committee.

Anyone, whether on a committee or not, can submit a code amendment proposal.

6. WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE TASK FORCE GROUP MEETINGS?

If you are selected to serve on a Task Force Group, you will receive calendar notices of the meetings. The meetings are held both in-person and online. You can choose either in-person or online via MS Teams. We will additionally keep you informed about the meeting dates for specific codes and code subsections so that you can attend the meetings specific to your areas of expertise.

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7. WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE CONSTRUCTION CODE MODERNIZATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS?

If you are selected to serve on the committee, you will receive calendar notices of the meetings. The meetings are held both in-person and online. You can choose either in-person or online via MS Teams. We will additionally keep you informed about the meeting dates for specific codes and code subsections so that you can attend the meetings specific to your areas of expertise.

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8. HOW DO I ACCESS THE PROPOSED 2021 CONSTRUCTION CODES?

The proposed 2021 construction codes will be posted to the project's home page: www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/construction-code-modernization.

9. HOW DO I SUBMIT A CODE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL?

You can submit a code amendment proposal through our online form. To learn more about the process, visit the [Code Amendment](#) page or review page 18-20 of the [Public Participation Plan](#).

10. WHO DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

You can contact us at info.CCM@houstontx.gov.