

New Code amendments take effect April 5

The new amendments to the Indiana Residential Code (IRC) took effect April 5. IBA Codes Committee volunteers participated in the review of the current IRC and the writing of the new amendments to it. It was a long haul.

The current residential code in effect for the last several years has been the 2005 Indiana Residential Code (IRC.) The code after April 5 will also be called the 2005 Indiana Residential Code (IRC.)

The residential code is made up of a model code with Indiana amendments. For the 2005 IRC, the model code adopted is the 2003 International Residential Code. For the code after April 5, the model code will still be the 2003 International Residential Code.

The name of the code hasn't changed. The model code adopted as a part of the code hasn't changed. What has changed? The amendments. But they are only being updated, not rewritten entirely. That means that many of the current amendments will not change either; but some will change, some will be deleted, and then some will be brand new.

The brand new ones are written for the purpose of making life easier! For example, with these amendments, you will now know:

What is fireblocking, and how is it different from fire resistive construction?

What is a mono-pitch truss, and how can it be tied to the wall?



Understanding the Code

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What is a wall line?
What is a sill plate?
What is a sole plate?
What is an exterior door, and how are its landings and threshold different from those of an exit?
What does an unvented crawlspace look like?
And more.

You can now look it all up on your own, and download the amendments at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T06750/A00140.PDF>. You want 675 IAC 14-4.3, the legal name for the current IRC, so you may have to scroll a bit past repealed amendments. The amendments may look the same at the beginning. To make sure you have the new version (the new amendments merged with the current ones,) check to see if the Department of Homeland Security is listed in Sec. 1. If yes, the amendments are merged.

New Indiana code amendments

Over 130 code officials, builders, remodelers and suppliers participated in one of three codes seminars held in South Bend, Clarksville and Indianapolis. The seminars discussed the new Indiana code amendments, which took effect April 5.

Lynn Madden, Code Compliance/Quality Control Supervisor for Hallmark Homes and the IBA Codes Committee

Chairwoman presented the one-day seminars.

One attendee said that the best part of the class was learning more about formal interpretations.

Attendees also had the opportunity to participate in discussions concerning the updated amendments that were approved and adopted by the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission.



Heather Love (left), IBA Information Coordinator; Lynn Madden (center), IBA Codes Committee Chairwoman; and Marlys Pedtke, IBA's Code Specialist, organized the codes seminars that took place in three different locations across the state.

