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## March 2009 International Code Council Update

The 2009 **Codes Forum** will be held on March 23-25, 2009 in New Orleans, LA. Registration and lodging information is available online at: <http://www.goeshow.com/codes/home.cfm>

**Major Revision to Code Development Process.** The ICC Board of Directors recently made changes to the Code Development process in response to significant input received from members and industry over the past several years. Details of the changes can be found at this link: [http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/schedule\\_advisory.html](http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/schedule_advisory.html)

**Town Hall Meeting with President Zubia.** Additional information forums will be provided on these changes, including a Town Hall meeting that will take place at the **Codes Forum** in New Orleans on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6 PM.

**New ICC Policy on Ethics and Sponsorships.** The ICC Board of Directors has adopted two new Council Policy Statements on Ethics and Sponsorship. These can be viewed at the following ICC website pages:

Ethics = <http://www.iccsafe.org/news/about/pdf/CP37-09.pdf>

Sponsorships and Contributions = <http://www.iccsafe.org/news/about/pdf/CP36-09.pdf>

**By-Law change proposals posted for membership comment.** Based on recommendations from the President's Advisory Committee, the ICC Board of Directors has posted proposed by-law amendments addressing voter eligibility and voting procedures. Member feedback is welcome. These can be viewed at the following website page:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/feedback-PAC.html>

**Call for Committee – Sustainable Building Technology Committee (SBTC).** The ICC Board of Directors has approved the creation of this new committee. The SBTC will be involved in the improvement of ICC Codes, Standards and Guidelines in the areas of sustainability and high performance. Application deadline is March 27, 2009. For more information, visit: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/cc/sbtc/2009call.html>

**Stimulus Bill requires states to update energy codes** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17<sup>th</sup>. There is \$3.1 billion in additional funding for energy efficiency for State Energy Programs in the legislation, which requires states to make certifications to the Secretary of Energy to be eligible for the funds. Read more at: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/cc/sbtc/2009call.html>



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**Change to the 2009/2010 Code Development Cycle.** The code change deadline has been moved back to April 24, 2009 from the originally scheduled March 24th. This change reflects the Code Development Hearings being held approximately one month later in the cycle compared to previous cycles. More information can be found at:  
[http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/2009-10cycle/cycle\\_update.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/2009-10cycle/cycle_update.pdf).

**The National Green Building Standard**, known as ICC-700, was approved on January 29, 2009 as an American National Standard. The new Standard provides guidance for safe and sustainable building practices for residential construction, including both new and renovated single-family to high-rise residential buildings. This is the first and only green standard that is consistent and coordinated with the Code Council's family of I-Codes and standards.  
[http://www.iccsafe.org/news/nr/2009/0130\\_ICC700.html](http://www.iccsafe.org/news/nr/2009/0130_ICC700.html)

**Fall 2009 ABM and Code Development Hearing Schedule.** The schedule for the code development hearings and annual business meeting in Baltimore, MD is as follows: October 24-31 and November 4 -11 will be the code development hearings. The Annual Business Meeting will be held on November 1-4 all at the Baltimore Convention Center. More information can be found at: <http://www.iccsafe.org/news/annual/>. Registration and lodging information should be included in the near future.

**Community Building Code Administration Grant Act.** Government Relations staff will be working very hard to get the CBCAG (Community Building Code Administration Grant Act) passed in 2009. This legislation is critical to building departments especially in light of the recession. ICC will continue to keep you posted on this important piece of legislation.