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Governor Pataki Announces New York Has Adopted the I-Codes™

Governor George E. Pataki announced March 6, 2002, that the State of New York has formally adopted the International Codes™. It is anticipated that the newly adopted State Fire Prevention and Building Code may be used beginning July 2002. The announcement followed a meeting at which the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council voted unanimously to adopt the International Codes.

"These comprehensive building and energy codes will ensure that our homes and workplaces are safe and energy efficient, while also spurring new construction and job opportunities across the state," said Governor Pataki. "By reducing development costs and providing greater flexibility, these codes will provide a major incentive for new investment, construction and economic development in cities, towns and villages throughout New York."

"Today's historic vote gives New York a much-needed comprehensive code that reflects current technology, products and safety standards," said Secretary of State Randy A. Daniels. "The code will encourage both new development and rehabilitation of existing buildings, which is key to revitalizing our downtowns. It also gives code enforcement and fire officials, design professionals, builders and contractors a set of requirements consistent with the rest of the country."

The State Code Council reached the decision four years after the Governor's initial directive to the Department of State in 1998. The Code Council's extensive process began with the establishment of technical subcommittees to review the individual codes, including numerous public hearings, and culminated with a unanimous decision to adopt the International Family of Codes at their meeting March 6. New York will update their Code on a regular schedule consistent with the International Codes' three-year review cycle.

The New York State Code adopts the International Building Code®, International Fire Code®, International Residential Code®, International Plumbing Code®, International Mechanical Code®, International Fuel Gas Code®, International Property Maintenance Code® and International Energy Conservation Code®.

The ICC was founded in 1994 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing a single set of comprehensive and coordinated national model construction codes. The founders of the ICC are Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. (BOCA), International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), and Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. (SBCCI). Since the early part of the last century, these nonprofit organizations have developed the three sets of model codes used throughout the United States.