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International Code Council Update

2012 is the Year of the Member!

Every International Code Council Member contributes to building a safer world through their individual commitment to public safety. The International Code Council always focuses on its Members, but 2011-2012 is a special time as ICC celebrates the Year of the Member. The Year of the Member recognizes the fact that ICC Members are industry leaders dedicated to building safe and sustainable communities. Are you getting the most out of your membership? Click here to find out about all the opportunities you have as an ICC Member! http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Pages/YearOfTheMember.aspx

Updates to the Code Development Process

Ensuring an efficient and effective process to develop high-quality construction codes and standards is central to the mission of the International Code Council. As part of its active oversight role, the ICC Board of Directors thoroughly reviewed the Code Development Process, including recommendations made by the Board-appointed Code Development Review Ad Hoc Committee, www.iccsafe.org/CDRAC, and made a series of changes designed to make that process even better.

Today the Code Council is formally announcing those changes by publishing amendments to several Policies. One of the most significant changes relates to deadlines for eligible voters to register for Final Action Hearings and for a governmental entity to become a Member of ICC in time to have voting rights at the following Final Action Hearings.

The documents linked to on this Web page, www.iccsafe.org/UpdateCDP, identify the changes to Council Policies and contain detailed explanations for those changes.

To receive additional information, please contact the ICC Codes and Standards Department at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 4345.

Nominate your new 2012 ICC Elected Official of the Year!

The Elected Official of the Year Award will be given to an elected governmental official who has made significant contributions to building safety. Past recipients have included senators, and an assemblyman. Criteria for the award include:

- Demonstrating a commitment to building code adoption and enforcement;
- Encouraging adoption of codes to improve building department administration and safer construction;
- Documenting an increase in code enforcement during an official’s tenure;
• Speaking publicly about the importance of adopting and enforcing the most recent building codes; and
• Standing up to lobbying efforts that oppose code adoption, enforcement and standardization.

The award will be presented during the 2012 Building Safety activities. Deadline for nominations is February 23, 2012. Submit your official here: http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/ElectedOfficialAward.aspx?r=2012ElectedOfficialAward

Advance Registration Now Open for Dallas Code Development Hearings (April 28-May 6)

Registration Link: https://s3.goeshow.com/icc/12GACDH/ereg589395.cfm?pg=register

Help Shape and Develop the 2015 I-Codes
The hearings offer Building Safety, PMG and Fire professionals the opportunity to help shape the 2015 I-Codes. This event is an excellent way for building professionals, ICC Members and non-members to learn more about the code, get involved in the code development process, and be heard! Hearing participates will consider proposed code changes to the following (Group A) codes:


Who Should Attend the Hearings?
Code Officials and Inspectors, Structural Engineers and Architects, Contractors and Builders, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Professionals, Fire Safety Professionals, ICC Members and non-members

ICC Membership is not a requirement to attend and participate in the hearings, although it is encouraged so that you can enjoy the valuable benefits and services that an ICC Membership provides. Click here to learn more: http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Pages/benefits.aspx

Confirm Your ICC Membership Information to Vote at Code Hearings
New and updated membership information must be received no less than 10 days prior to the first day of the meeting in order for members to exercise their voting privileges. The membership deadline for this meeting is close of business on April 18. Click here for the form: http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Documents/Designation%20Form%20Voting%20Reps.pdf?r=DesignationForm
Dallas Cowboys Stadium Walking Tour – April 28, 2:30 – 6 pm
Explore the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium and earn 0.3 ICC & AIA CEU's. Learn more here:
http://s3.goeshow.com/icc/12GACDH/erreg589395.cfm?clear

Call for Educational Programs: Opportunities Available for the 2012 Annual Business Meeting
The International Code Council (ICC) is seeking proposals for presentation for two education programs at the 2012 Annual Conference. We are looking for presenters who are interested in addressing an audience of code officials, inspectors, plans examiners, fire officials, city managers, engineers, architects, and others related to the code enforcement industry. The call is now open, and the deadline is March 2. Find out more here: http://www.iccsafe.org/Education/Pages/Call-Presentations.aspx

Changes to ICC National Certification Program
For 2012, the ICC Certification and Testing department has made a number of changes to the computer-based exam registration process and the exams. View a list of the changes that have taken place effective Jan. 1 by visiting: http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/2012Changes.aspx

Call to Committee: ICC Accepting Applications for Exam Development Committee Members
Certification and Testing seeks volunteers to serve in several areas. View the responsibilities of Exam Development Committee here:
http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Documents/EDC_Applicant_Snapshot_2011.pdf, and then apply today! Applications link here: http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/EDC.aspx, and are due September 6 for positions open in January 2013.

ICC Membership Councils: New Opportunities to Enhance Your Profession and Career
The Membership Councils offer ICC Members a place to come together and be a more powerful force shaping your ICC, your industry, your career, and your future. The ICC Board, as part of ICC's celebration of the "Year of the Member," is pleased to announce five discipline-specific Membership Councils that will each serve to take your ICC Membership and profession to the next level. Share your expertise, voice, and vision with your peers – get started today!

ICC Membership Councils were formed after Members asked to have a greater role influencing how ICC serves to enhance Members' work performance, careers and professions. ICC's success is driven by the unity and diversity of its Members. The strength and solidarity of our organization allows us to better serve our membership and communities, and promote a shared vision of a safe and sustainable world.
Find out more about the new ICC Membership Councils here: http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Councils/Pages/default.aspx

Think You’re a Major Jurisdiction? Join the Committee!

The Major Jurisdiction Committee is open to representatives of state code enforcement agencies, the capital city of each state, the two largest jurisdictions in each state and jurisdictions with a population of 1,000,000 or more. Find out more about it here: http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/Pages/MJC.aspx


The Code Council has recently posted the Code Change Proposal form online for the 2012/2013 Code Change Cycle. That form is available as both a Word Document and PDF file here: http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Pages/publicforms.aspx. The list of the Group A and Group B Committees responsibilities also is available on ICC's website here: http://www.iccsafe.org/responsibilities