



# INSECT SCREENS FEEDBACK

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# GOAL



## Public Input

The Austin Code Department is collecting public input regarding insect screen requirements. All input received will be submitted to the Austin City Council on or before **June 30, 2018**.



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# Background information

Why we need your feedback

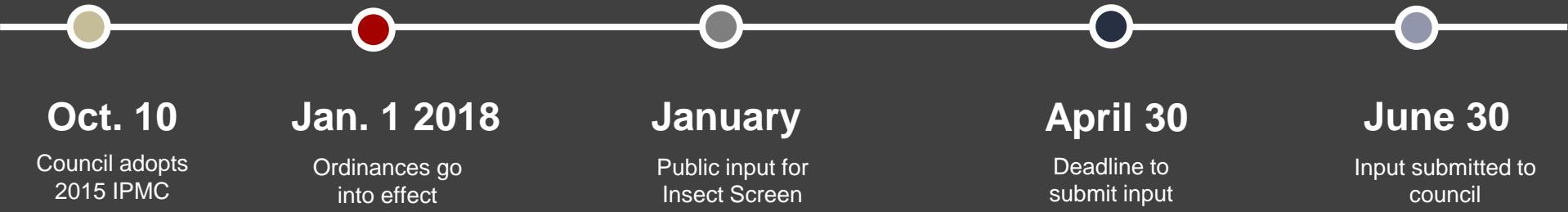


# Background Information

- The Austin City Council adopted the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code (the latest edition) on October 12, 2017 and issued some local amendments to it ordinance no. 20171012-SPEC001.
- The Council directed the City Manager to engage in additional stakeholder discussion related to insect screening requirements and to bring any recommended ordinance changes to Council by June 30, 2018.



# Insect Screen Feedback timeline



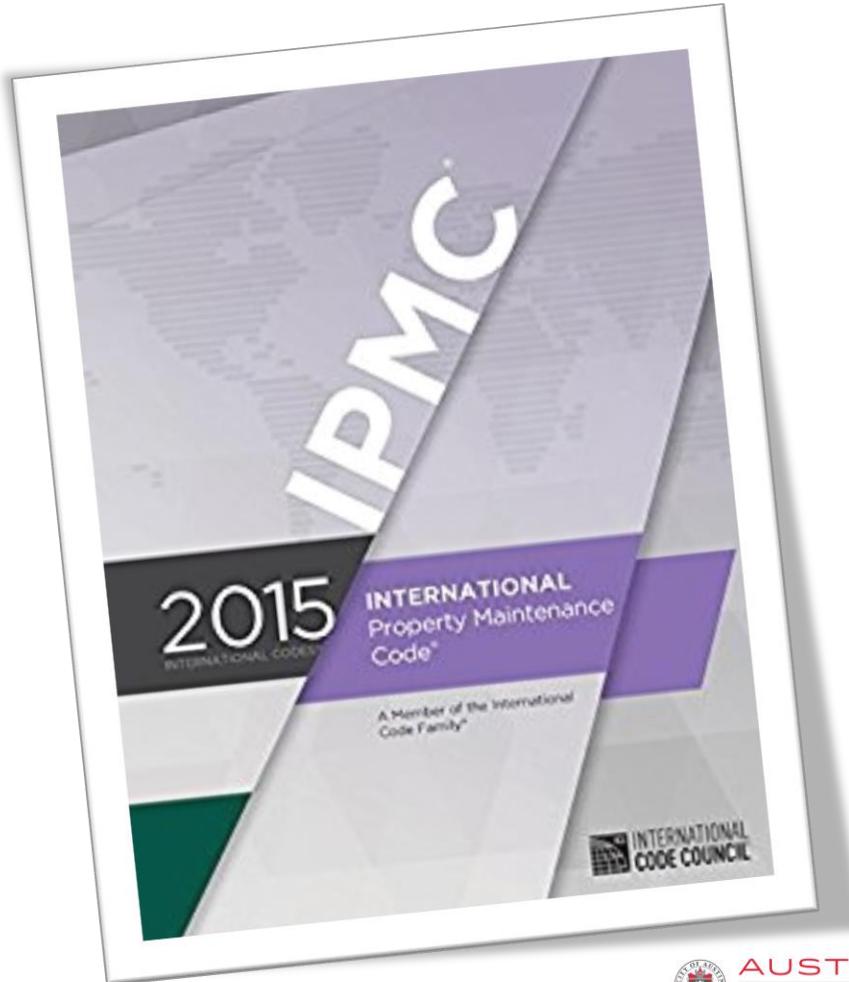
# A closer look at the Code

IPMC and the Insect Screen Requirement



# What is IPMC?

- The **International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)** is a model code that regulates the minimum maintenance requirements for existing residential and commercial buildings.
- The IPMC is intended to establish minimum standards for basics such as structural conditions, lighting, ventilation, sanitation, and fire safety.



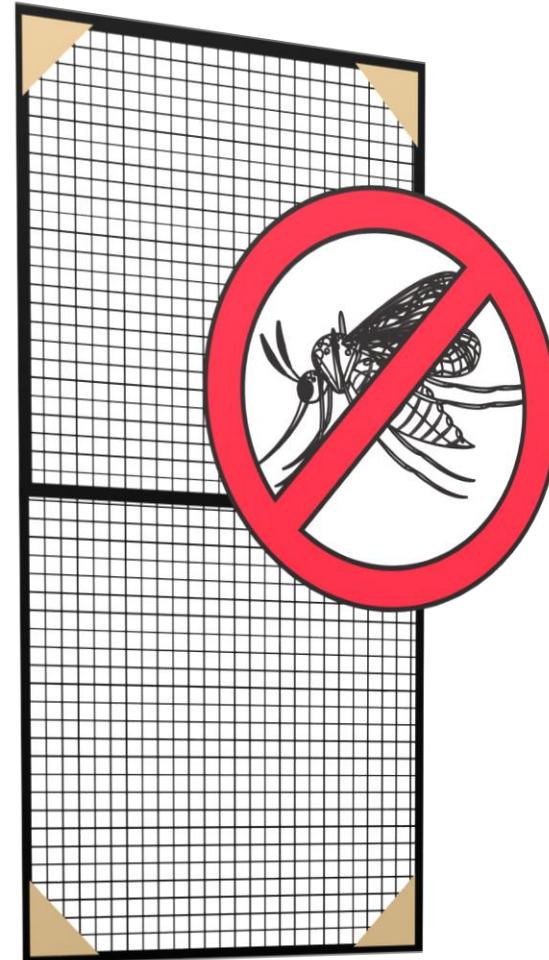
# What does the IPMC say about insect screens?

“

Every door, window and other outside opening required for ventilation of habitable rooms, food preparation areas, food service areas or any areas where products to be included or utilized in food for human consumption are processed, manufactured, packaged or stored shall be supplied with approved tightly fitting screens of minimum 16 mesh per inch (16 mesh per 25 mm), and every screen door used for insect control shall have a self-closing device in good working condition.

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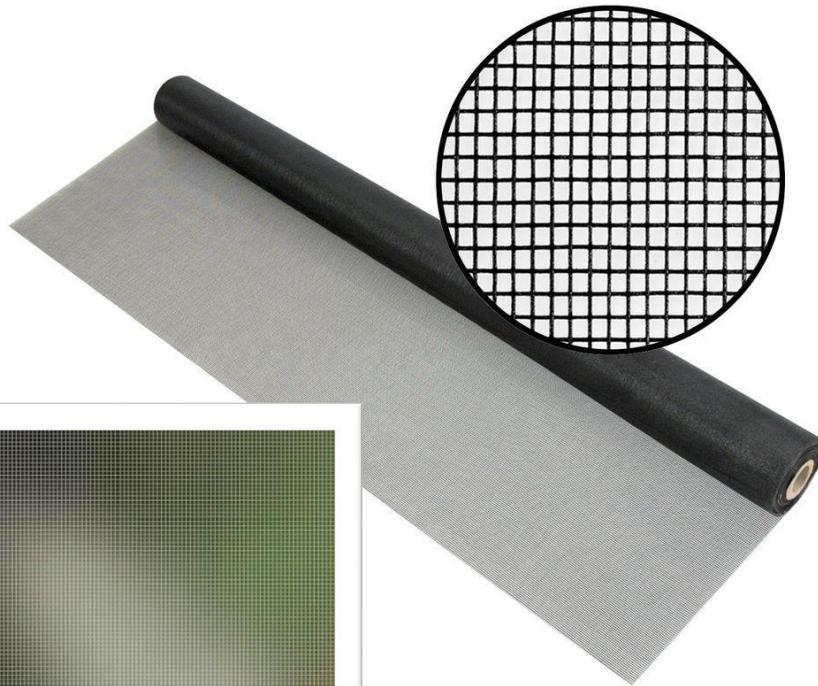
Exception: Screens shall not be required where other approved means, such as air curtains or insect repellent fans, are employed.



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# What is an Insect Screen?

- A window screen also known as bug screen, fly screen or wire mesh
- A mesh made of metal wire, fiberglass or other synthetic fiber
- Stretched in a frame of wood or metal.



# Other Ordinance Terminology

- **Habitable room**

Space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking.

Bathrooms, toilet rooms, closets, halls, storage or utility spaces, and similar areas are not considered habitable spaces.

- **Air curtain**

An air curtain, also known as an air door, employs a controlled stream of air aimed across an opening to create an air seal.

- **Insect repellent fan**

A fan that circulates repellent.



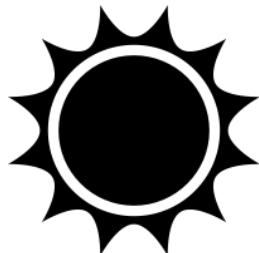
# Benefits of Insect Screens



Protect against  
mosquitoes



Protect against  
other insects



Protect for high  
solar radiation



Reduce energy  
costs



Provide  
privacy

# What's next?

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Next steps

**Stakeholder feedback**

# January

Feedback process begins

# April 30

Closing date



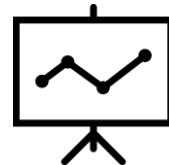
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# How to give Stakeholder feedback?



## Email us

What would you change to the ordinance?



## Host meetings

Do you know a group that has feedback?



## Take survey

Tell us what changes you would like to see.

[CodeCommunications@austintexas.gov](mailto:CodeCommunications@austintexas.gov)



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# Online survey

What do you think?

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# THANK YOU

For questions, email the Code Education  
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