The City of
OKLAHOMA CITY
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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RE: Advance Notice – Oklahoma City 2024 Construction Code Adoption Process

Dear Stakeholder:

The Oklahoma City Development Services Department is notifying development, design, construction, and professional communities that the City will soon start the formal process to adopt new construction codes.

Beginning in October 2026, Oklahoma City's Code Commissions will hold public hearings and reviews throughout the winter to consider adopting updated construction codes, including:

- 2024 International Building Code (IBC)
- 2024 International Residential Code (IRC)
- 2024 International Fire Code (IFC)
- 2024 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
- 2024 International Mechanical Code (IMC)
- 2024 International Plumbing Code (IPC)
- 2024 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
- 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC)

These editions are being considered to align Oklahoma City's locally adopted construction codes with the minimum codes adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC).

The City plans to hold commission hearings throughout the fall and winter, with the goal to finish technical reviews and hearings by early 2027. If the commission process, ordinance preparation, and City Council review are completed as scheduled, adoption and effective dates may be set for spring 2027. Please note that these dates are preliminary and may change as the review progresses.

One of the City's primary objectives during this adoption cycle will be to adopt the new model codes with as few supplemental local amendments where possible. Local changes will only be made when necessary to address specific Oklahoma City conditions, legal requirements, or other identified needs. Otherwise, we intend to closely align with State-adopted minimum codes.

Aligning State and local requirements will simplify regulations for designers, contractors, developers, property owners, and City staff. This approach reduces unnecessary complexity, improves predictability in permitting and construction, and supports Oklahoma City's efforts to promote responsible economic development.

We are sharing this notice early so your organization can prepare for the transition. Preparation may include reviewing new code editions, identifying changes affecting design or construction, evaluating material or product requirements, purchasing updated code books and reference materials, and planning staff or member training.

As hearing dates are scheduled, agendas and public meeting information will be posted through the City's standard public-notice channels. The adoption process will consider proposed local amendments and other matters needed to transition Oklahoma City to the new code editions.

We appreciate the ongoing participation and cooperation of Oklahoma City's development and professional communities. Our goal is to establish a modern, consistent, and understandable code framework that protects public health and safety while maximizing clarity and efficiency for those designing, constructing, and investing in Oklahoma City.

Questions regarding the upcoming code adoption process may be directed to:

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Respectfully,



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