Regional Building Code Update

City of Tucson: Mayor and Council recently approved the 2018 residential building codes. SAHBA was engaged in the review process from January through August. Chief Building Official Clayton Trayvillan presented the notable changes to SAHBA members in August and that presentation can be found here.

The biggest impact on plan review will be model plans. A model plan may be issued for homes that will be constructed multiple times based on the same set of drawings. They are valid for one year and may be renewed twice. However, when the codes change, a model plan approved under the previous code cycle may not be renewed. New building permits may continue to be issued from a model until its regular expiration date and then a new model must be reviewed and issued.