

ENERGY CODES IN THE SOUTHWEST

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UTAH

Utah has adopted the 2018 IECC's Commercial chapters and the 2015 IECC's Residential chapters as its mandatory code. Jurisdictions must update their building code to align with state adopted codes, and may not modify them unless they receive legislative approval. The commercial code is unamended and is on a three-year adoption cycle, while the residential code is modified to be less-efficient than the base code and is on a six-year adoption cycle.



WYOMING

Wyoming is a home-rule state and codes are adopted at the local level. The Wyoming Dept. of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety adopts codes through reference and only as they apply to the International Building Code (IBC). The state adopted the 2015 IBC with reference to other ICC codes with the exception of the energy code in 2015. The state updates these codes on a three-year cycle. Some local jurisdictions have adopted the IECC including Cheyenne (2015) and Jackson (2012).



NEVADA

Nevada's statewide energy code for residential and commercial buildings is based on the 2018 IECC and became effective in July 2018. Jurisdictions are not mandated to adopt the state code. Major jurisdictions in Southern Nevada have worked together to review and adopt common amendments to the 2018.



COLORADO

Colorado is a home rule state, where building energy codes are adopted and enforced on a local level. Denver is moving to the 2018 IECC. A 2019 law requires all jurisdictions to adopt at least one of the three most recent versions of the IECC when updating other building codes. Approx. 70% of all new construction occurs in jurisdictions under the 2018 or 2015 IECC. Information on jurisdictional adoption is at the Colo. Dept. of Local Affairs.



ARIZONA

Arizona is a home rule state, where building energy codes are adopted and enforced at the local level. Phoenix, Tucson, and Pima County are on the 2018 IECC, and many communities in Arizona have adopted either the 2015 or 2012 IECC. Approx. 50% of new construction activity in the state occurs in jurisdictions with the 2018 or 2015 IECC.



NEW MEXICO

New Mexico adopted the 2009 IECC as its mandatory statewide energy code for both residential and commercial, effective 2011. The state, through its Construction Industry Division, enforces building codes statewide. Local jurisdictions can adopt new or more efficient energy codes but must provide their own code enforcement.



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