

Ladies and Gentlemen -

This message is sent to provide an update as to the status of the Ninth Edition of the State Building Code (780 CMR). Additional messages with links to the ninth edition amendments and other information will be sent over the next several days.

The ninth edition building code was filed with the Secretary of State and will become first effective on October 20, 2017.

On Tuesday, October 10th, members of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) debated whether or not to modify the full force and effect date based on a shortened concurrency period, but decided to **hold firm** with the January 1, 2018 date.

Therefore, building permit applications for projects utilizing eighth edition code provisions will need to be filed on or before December 31, 2017. Applications received on or after January 1, 2018, where the project has been designed to the eighth edition, shall be returned to the applicant. The applicant will either need to revise construction documents to comply with ninth edition standards or seek relief through the [Building Code Appeals Board](#) (BCAB).

Conversely, BBRS members decided to **change** the Construction Supervisor License (CSL) exam transition date originally scheduled for October 23rd. The exam will transition to the ninth edition code beginning January 1st as well. Exam candidates will be allowed to take either the eighth edition (2009 I-Codes with amendments) or ninth edition (2105 I-Codes with amendments) into the exam site beginning October 23rd.

The ninth edition code is based on modified versions of the following [2015 codes](#) as published by the [International Code Council](#) (ICC).

- The International Building Code (IBC);
- International Residential Code (IRC);
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC);
- International Mechanical Code (IMC);
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC);
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC); and
- Portions of the International Fire Code (IFC).

It is hoped that this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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