

COCHISE COUNTY

2015 Building Codes Update

Development Services

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Reasons to update the existing building codes

- Consistency with incorporated jurisdictions
- Requested by local contractors/homebuilders
- Changes in technology innovation
- Improved ways to increase safety and efficiency



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Building Code Advisory and Appeals Board (BCAAB)

- April 2021- met to discuss moving to the 2015 ICC building codes and 2014 NEC
- May 2021- met to discuss local amendments and made recommendation to BOS



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Adopted building codes in Cochise County communities:

Benson- 2015 IRC/IBC

Sierra Vista- 2015 IRC/IBC

Bisbee- 2012 IRC/IBC

Huachuca City- 2012 IRC/IBC

Tombstone- 2006 IRC/IBC

Douglas- 2006 IRC/IBC

Willcox- 2003 IRC/IBC



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Building codes recommended for adoption:

2015 editions:

- International Building Code
- International Existing Building Code
- International Residential Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Plumbing Code
- International Fuel Gas Code
- International Fire Code
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

2014 edition:

- National Electrical Code

Maintain the following adopted building code:

2012 edition:

- International Energy Conservation Code for residential and commercial construction



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The main purpose of **building codes** is to provide minimum **standards** to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare as they relate to the construction and occupancy of **buildings** and structures.

Building codes change periodically due in part to technology innovation, changing **building** element exposure, and jurisdiction parties finding new and improved ways to increase security, safety and efficiency.

