



Permitting and Inspections Department
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Building Construction Codes

The Permitting and Inspections Department is responsible for administering and enforcing building and construction codes. The City of Portland has adopted the following codes and standards:

Effective January 23, 2018, the State of Maine adopted the statewide Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) which consists of four International Code Council (ICC) codes and four standards.

Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code "MUBEC" consists of the following codes (View State amendments at <http://www.maine.gov/dps/bbcs/>):

Chapter 1 - Administration UPDATED January 2018

Chapter 2 - Third Party Inspectors UPDATED January 2018

2015 International Residential Code (IRC) Chapter 5 - IRC (2015) UPDATED JANUARY 2018

2015 International Building Code (IBC) Chapter 3 - IBC (2015) UPDATED JANUARY 2018

2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) Chapter 4 - IEBC (2015) UPDATED JANUARY 2018

2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) Chapter 6 - IECC (2009) UPDATED JANUARY 2018

The following standards are also adopted as part of the MUBEC:

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standards:

62.1 – 2013, Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality

62.2 – 2013, Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings

90.1 – 2013, Energy Standard for Buildings except Low-Rise Residential Buildings

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

E-1465-2008, Standard Practice for Radon Control Options for the Design and Construction of New Low-Rise Residential Buildings

Portland City Codes:

City of Portland Municipal Code Ch. 6 Building and Building Regulations

City of Portland Municipal Code Ch. 10 Fire Prevention and Protection (including NFPA 1 and 101)

Electrical standards adopted pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §1153-A. (National Electric Code 2017)

The plumbing code adopted pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §3403-B (Uniform Plumbing Code 2015)

Oil and solid fuel burning equipment standards adopted pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §2353.

Propane and natural gas equipment standards adopted pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §14804.

Boiler and pressure vessel standards adopted pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §15104-A.

Elevator standards adopted pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §15206.

Fire safety codes and standards adopted pursuant to 25 M.R.S. §§ 2452 and 2465.

Maine Human Rights Act adopted pursuant to 5 M.R.S. Ch. 4 Fair Housing and Ch. 5 Public Accommodations

Additional Standards:

Federal 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design