

## 2020 Minnesota State Building Code adoption

On Tuesday March 31, 2020, six new Minnesota construction codes are scheduled to take effect. Although this adoption is occurring during the COVID-19 pandemic, the construction industry has been fully engaged in the process of developing changes to the new codes over the past two years and are anticipating their implementation.

Currently, many architects, engineers and other building designers either have or are in the process of preparing designs in accordance with the new codes. Industry has also been providing training about changes the past few months, prior to the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak. The department's spring training educational seminars will be provided in an online format in the coming weeks.

Anyone who is facing challenges related to the adoption of the new codes should contact the department and we will work to assist them.

Thank you to all construction stakeholders, Technical Advisory Group members and the Construction Codes Advisory Council who participated in this two-and-a-half-year collaborative process.

These new codes apply to permit applications made **on or after March 31** with the exception of the Minnesota Mechanical Code that takes effect on April 6, 2020.

The Minnesota Fire Code also goes into effect March 31, 2020.

### New codes effective March 31, 2020

The following codes have been approved for adoption:

#### 2020 Minnesota Conservation Code for Existing Buildings

- Print and digital versions available for purchase Jan. 30, 2020.
- [View online for free](#)

#### 2020 Minnesota Residential Code

- Print and digital versions available for purchase April 6, 2020.
- [View online for free](#)

#### 2020 Minnesota Building Code

- Print and digital versions available for purchase April 15, 2020.
- [View free unamended 2018 International Building Code](#)
- [Minnesota Rules Chapter 1305](#)

#### **2020 Minnesota Energy Code**

- Print and digital versions available for purchase in late April.
- [View free unamended 2018 International Energy Conservation Code](#)
- [Adopted Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1323](#)

**Note:** The 2015 Minnesota Residential Energy Code remains in effect.

#### **2020 Minnesota Accessibility Code**

- Print and digital versions available for purchase in early May.
- [View free unamended 2018 International Building Code Chapter 11](#)
- [View free unamended 2018 International Existing Building Code Section 305](#)
- [Adopted Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1341](#)

#### **2020 Minnesota Mechanical/Fuel Gas Code - Effective April 6, 2020**

- Print and digital versions available for purchase in late May.
- [View free unamended 2018 International Mechanical Code](#)
- [View free unamended 2018 International Fuel Gas](#)
- [Adopted Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1346](#)

#### **2020 Minnesota State Fire Code**

- Print and digital versions available for purchase in late April.
- [View free unamended 2018 International Fire Code](#)
- [Adopted Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7511](#)

#### **Questions?**

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