



Home Builders Association of Georgia

RAC UPDATE

August 1, 2018

Doug McMonigle, Chairman

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New Edition of Energy Code review completed – Adoption January 1, 2020

- Georgia will be adopting the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
 - HBAG has spent numerous hours reducing the financial impact of this code including defeating the requirement for 2X6 wall construction
- Ducts and envelopes will be tighter. The air exchange rate for the envelope will be reduced to 5ACH from current 7 ACH in 2020.
- But there are also changes in the IRC, reducing the requirement for ventilation to 3 ACH. This is in line with Florida and some other Southern states. HBAG continues to work on this aspect of the Energy Code
- Statewide training will be given throughout 2019. HBAG is working to identify trainers and programs and get them out to our local HBA's.

2018 Edition of the International Residential Code (IRC) finalized for Jan 1, 2020

- Residential fire sprinklers are not mandatory in Georgia. Cost savings and amendment from previous codes have been maintained.
- HBAG will be working with NAHB and Code Officials on the national level to help make our construction codes better at the 'ICC level .More details at Charleston

DCA Review of 2018 Plumbing and Swimming Pool Task Force

- DCA is beginning the review of the 2018 editions of the International Plumbing Code (IPC) and 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) in September
- Concerned that there may be additional amendments suggested because of ongoing law suits and water wars with Florida and Alabama

New NPDES Permit(s) for Construction Stormwater Effective August 1, 2018

- The only required change is to require for the electronic filings of Notices of Intent, Termination and other reporting requirements.
 - <https://epd.georgia.gov/npdes-construction-storm-water-general-permits>
 - A helpful tutorial video can be found at:
<https://epd.georgia.gov/geos/documents/construction-stormwater-instructions>

ALL Program – Improvements Made – See New Information in Charleston

ALL program (A Liveable Lifestyle Home) is for people of ALL abilities.. HBAG has the resources, .criteria for construction, marketing materials. It is a great marketing program and even helps with several jurisdictions and in code hearings to prevent mandates.

If you have questions or need more information, contact bsleeth@hbag.org.