



On July 1, 2010, the City of Bellevue will begin using a new set of codes as required by state law (RCW 19.27). Plans and supporting documentation submitted on or after July 1, 2010, must demonstrate compliance with the new codes.

Which codes?

- 2009 International Building Code
- 2009 International Fire Code
- 2009 International Residential Code
- 2009 International Mechanical Code
- 2009 National Fuel Gas Code 58 (Propane)
- 2008 National Electrical Code (**Note – effective 1/1/2010**)
- 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code
- 2009 Washington State Energy Code (**Note – effective 10/29/2010**)

Where can you purchase these codes? Using any search engine, you can locate a variety of sources on the Internet. You can also purchase them through the Washington Association of Building Officials (www.wabo.org; click on “The WABO Book store”).

You'll also need both the State of Washington and City of Bellevue amendments to these codes:

- Washington State amendments can be downloaded for free by going to www.sbcc.wa.gov. Click on “State Codes and Regulations” and scroll down to select the code you’re interested in, or you can purchase them at the WABO bookstore.
- City of Bellevue amendments to the 2009 codes will be available shortly in PDF format for you to download. The documents will be formatted as insert pages for the national model codes.

Is there training available? Yes! The Washington Association of Building Officials and the Washington State Association of Fire Marshals are good sources of information. Go to their websites (www.wabo.org, www.wsafm.com) to see a list of available training. You can also go to www.MyBuildingPermit.com and click on “Training & Seminars.”

In order that this transition be as smooth as possible, we need you to be prepared as well. Please avail yourself of training opportunities and buy the code books and amendments that will affect your project(s). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

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