

# We want your feedback on the new Building Codes



On July 1, 2016, the 2015 suite of International Codes are scheduled to go into effect on a statewide basis. As permitted by the Washington State Building Code Act (RCW 19.27), cities and counties may amend the codes provided the amendments do not diminish the requirements. In other words, any amendments must result in an equivalent or more stringent code than prescribed by the State.

The International Codes are excellent documents that have been through a rigorous process before publication and our goal is to limit amendments to those areas where we feel the code inadequately addresses an issue, or to achieve regional consistency with other local cities. As we work towards adoption of the 2015 International Codes, it is important to hear and understand our stakeholders' interests.

Based on your experience and perspective, what changes should we consider in the adoption of these codes within the limitations allowed by state law? We are scheduling two focus group sessions to solicit your feedback on areas of the adopted codes that you feel warrant further work based on your experience in Bellevue or your understanding of the 2012 International Codes. Those sessions are:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Residential	November 13, 2015	9:00 – 12:00	Banquet Room, Bellevue Golf Course*
Commercial/Industrial	November 20, 2015	1:00 – 4:00	Banquet Room, Bellevue Golf Course

To register for one or more of these sessions, please contact Sharon Taylor at 425.452.4392 / [sltaylor@bellevuwa.gov](mailto:sltaylor@bellevuwa.gov).

If you are unable to attend a focus group session, you also have an opportunity to make suggestions, proposals, or simply note areas of concern using this email address ([2015Codes@Bellevuewa.gov](mailto:2015Codes@Bellevuewa.gov)).

If you have not already purchased a copy of the International Code(s) you can access a number of vendors by doing a web search using "2015 International Codes".

You may also find the Washington State Building Code Council's web site (<http://www.sbcc.wa.gov>) useful to see proposed amendments that are being considered on a state-wide basis.

If you are interested in reviewing our existing amendments, they can be found at [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/building\\_code\\_amendments.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/building_code_amendments.htm)

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