

Inspections Department Technical Bulletin 24-1

Summary: This bulletin provides guidance for building permit applicants within the City of Winchester

Effective Date: Administrative provisions of the 2021 USBC will be effective on January 18, 2024. From January 18, 2024 until January 17, 2025, building permit applicants may choose to use the technical provisions of either the 2018 or 2021 USBC. Mixing of technical provisions between the two code editions is prohibited. Beginning January 18, 2025, all new building permit applications and construction must meet the 2021 USBC requirements. Developers must update unpermitted projects to the 2021 USBC and receive approval from the City on these updates if permits are not issued by January 17, 2025 at 4:00pm est. Building permits expire 6 months from date of approval if construction has not been initiated. Failure to initiate permitted work for 6 months will result in updated permit requirements to the 2021 code (if issued under the 2018 code cycle).

Policy: On January 18, 2025 the 2021 USBC will go fully into effect. The 2021 USBC references the codes listed below and includes the Virginia-specific technical amendments.

- 2021 International Building Code
- 2021 International residential Code
- 2021 International Mechanical Code
- 2021 International Fire Code
- 2021 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2021 International Plumbing Code
- 2020 National Electric Code (NFPA 70)
- 2021 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2021 International Pool and Spa Code
- 2021 International Existing Building Code
- 2021 International property Maintenance Code

Virginia versions of the codes which incorporate the Virginia-specific provisions can be found at the International Code Council (ICC) website. The administrative provisions and technical amendments of the USBC are available as individual documents as listed below.

- 2021 Virginia Construction Code
- 2021 Virginia Residential Code
- 2021 Virginia Existing Building Code
- 2021 Virginia Property Maintenance Code
- 2021 Virginia Mechanical Code
- 2021 Virginia Plumbing Code
- 2021 Virginia Fuel Gas Code
- 2020 National Electric Code (NFPA 70)
- 2021 Virginia Amusement Device Regulations
- 2021 Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations
- 2021 Building and Related Laws Package
- 2021 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code
- 2021 Virginia Manufactured Home Safety Regulations

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