

Public Notice

The new, *Eighth Edition of the Massachusetts Commercial Building Code* is comprised of the following *2009 International Code Council* (ICC) documents along with Massachusetts amendments:

- *International Building Code* (IBC),
- *International Existing Buildings Code* (IEBC),
- *International Energy Conservation Code* (IECC)

Each of these documents has been modified to some extent by the Massachusetts amendment process. The amendments to the eighth edition of the code are now available at the *State House Bookstore* and may be purchased by accessing information at the following link <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/spr/sprcat/agencies/780.htm>.

An unofficial version of the amendment package is also posted on the Department of Public Safety (DPS) website @ www.mass.gov/dps.

All international codes may be purchased through the *International Code Council* by accessing information at the following website

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Store/Pages/Category.aspx?cat=ICCSafe&category=330&parentcategory=Store%20Products>

The main ICC website is simply iccsafe.org.

The eighth edition of the code went into effect on August 6, 2010. A code user may choose to use the provisions of either the seventh or eighth edition of the code (without mixing provisions) until February 6, 2011 when the new code will be in full effect and the seventh edition will be retired. Code users who choose to design using provisions of the seventh edition *must file a building permit application for the project on or before the February 6th date*. Applications filed after this date will be expected to comply with provisions of the eighth edition.

Also, reference is made in the IBC to the *International Mechanical Code* (IMC) and *International Fire Code* (IFC). Therefore, for those who wish to have a complete set, the entire code is comprised of the:

- *International Building Code* (IBC),
- *International Existing Buildings Code* (IEBC),
- *International Energy Conservation Code* (IECC),
- *International Mechanical Code* (IMC),
- *International Fire Code* (IFC), and
- *Massachusetts amendment package*.