

2021 UPC Update:

1. Our directive was to eliminate as much amendments as possible and go back to publish code. This required that we separate the process into two different phases.
 - The first phase consisted of making comparisons with the 2015 UPC published code and the 2015 UPC amendments. This phase has been completed with better than 50% of the language going back to publish code.
 - The second phase is making comparison with the 2015 UPC amendments and the 2021 UPC, with this process the individual departments are doing a detailed review and plan on meeting about mid-December 2020 for a comparison amongst all departments involved.
2. 1st change being proposed that may be of concern.
 - Chapter 422 which includes table 422.1 to be deleted from the UPC and leaving the IBC to address the building design requirements.
 - a) Table 422.1 was deleted in the 2015 amendments from the UPC and the table from the IBC was inserted into the UPC amendments.
 - b) This would consolidate all the building design requirements to one area.
 - c) The logic is that if a plumber is designing he is already using the building code.
 - d) The local amendments will direct the designer to the UBC in section 422 of the 2021 plumbing ordinance.
 - e) A table (exhibit A) has been provided for comparison of the sections showing the deleted and active code sections and locations.
3. 2nd change being proposed.
 - All of the testing procedures to be relocated in the Building Criteria Manual. (see exhibit B)
 - This would consolidate all the testing procedures to one section.
 - The testing requirements are exactly as published in the 2015 amendments with some minor exception such as deleting specific code references, to eliminate changes when new codes are adopted. A new section pertaining to scheduling pulled gas meter inspections has been added. The scheduling of pulled gas meters has existed since at least 2004 as a memorandum the goal is to have published in the Building criteria Manual.

We are working on bring the plumbing code to the stakeholders sometime in February soon after the Board. The adoption of the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code is on schedule to be adopted sometime in November 2021 although the plan is to bring all the codes at one time which could delay the plumbing code adoption.

I will gladly discuss the overview of the adoption although as a professional courtesy the details of individual sections will be left to Chad Watson.

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