

Important Update

News from the City of Austin Development Services Department



Proposed 2021 Mechanical and Plumbing Codes Now Available for Review

More Technical Code Updates to be Posted Later in February

The City of Austin plans to implement several updated uniform and international technical codes later this year. The Development Services Department (DSD) and our partners at Austin Code, Austin Energy and Austin Fire seek to incorporate the most current standards into [City Code](#). This process helps promote building safety throughout Austin and contributes to a positive insurance rating, which translates to lower insurance costs for facilities built in our community.

Mechanical and Plumbing Codes

The modifications resulting from the Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC) and Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), as adopted by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, are [now available](#) for review and comment. The UMC governs installation, inspection and maintenance of HVAC and refrigeration systems. The UPC governs the installation and inspection of plumbing systems. **Please submit questions or comments about these proposed code revisions by Feb. 21.**

Other Technical Code Revisions

DSD plans to provide information about other proposed codes, including the International Residential Code, International Building Code, and International Existing Building Code, on Feb. 22. Comments on those revisions will be due by March 14.

Final updates to code requirements, including any local amendments, will be incorporated into [City Code 25-12](#), following adoption by the Austin City Council.

Visit the City of Austin [Proposed 2021 Technical Code Changes](#) site to view proposed revisions.

Thank you for your continued interest in Development Services topics.

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