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Maryland Adopts the 2012 International Building Code

As an end-of-the-year reminder to all architects, engineers and other design professionals who do work in Maryland, effective January 1, 2012, the State of Maryland will be enforcing the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards (MBPS). Incorporated as part of this adoption will be the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), the 2006 International Mechanical Code (IMC), the 2006 National Standard Plumbing Code (NSPC) with 2007 Supplement, the 2011 National Electrical Code (NEC), and the 2012 International Residential Code (IRC). The MBPS is applicable to state projects. As part of the COMAR Regulation establishing the MBPS, local jurisdictions must adopt these same codes by July 1, 2012. In their adoption, local jurisdictions may make amendments to these codes that make them more stringent than the MBPS. Please refer to the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) website <http://mdcodes2.umbc.edu> (DHCD Code Lynx) for further information and code amendments.

Please note that the Maryland Accessibility Code (MAC) will also be updated and will be referencing the 2010 ADA Standards (ADA/ABA Accessibility Guidelines dated July 23, 2004), with an effective date of January 1, 2012.

The Maryland State Fire Prevention Code continues to enforce the 2009 *NFPA 101*[®] (*Life Safety Code*[®]) and 2009 NFPA 1 (Uniform Fire Code), but it is expected that later this year the State Fire Prevention Commission will be adopting the 2012 editions of both codes, with amendments.

Please call Gayle James, Business Development and Human Resources Manager at 410-750-2246, or email her at gjames@koffel.com, if you are interested in having Koffel Associates provide a 1-hour Koffel Talk presentation, in your Maryland-area office, on Significant Non-Structural Changes to the 2012 IBC.