Beginning July 1, 2012, the division will begin reviewing the most recent model codes.

**Affected Codes:**
The current commercial building standards are based on 2009 editions of the national model codes. The division proposes to review the OSSC, OMSC and OEESC along with the 2012 editions of the respective International Codes.

The adoption of the 2012 Structural, Mechanical and Energy codes will be coordinated with the adoption of the 2012 Fire Code, including the proposed effective date of April 1, 2014.

**Background:**
As the economy continues to struggle the division is increasingly conscious of the rapid pace of regulatory change. With that in mind the division will focus this code adoption on several specific areas that will simplify and streamline the code. The division will also look closely at and analyze thoroughly any model code changes or code change proposals that increase construction costs.

Additionally, the division will be soliciting stakeholder participation in focus groups throughout the fall with an emphasis on aligning more closely with model code provisions in the following areas:

- Chapter 29, Plumbing fixtures
- Appendix SR, Special Residence
- Appendix N, Low-Rise Residential

Furthermore, the division will be working to develop a Statewide Alternate Method (SAM) recognizing the 2012 IBC, IMC and IECC for designers who may want to use the new model codes ahead of the mandatory implementation date. The SAM will harmonize with specified existing Oregon amendments.

**Tentative Timeline:**

**2012**

July - August

- Develop Statewide Alternate Method recognizing the 2012 IBC, IMC and IECC

September

- Appendix N
October
  • Chapter 29, Plumbing Systems
  • Open public code change proposal period for Structural and Mechanical codes

November
  • Appendix SR, Special Residence provisions

December
  • 2012 IBC and IMC provisions

2013
January
  • 2012 IBC and IMC provisions

May
  • Building Codes Structures Board review of proposed 2014 OSSC

June
  • Mechanical Board review of proposed 2014 OMSC
  • Public rulemaking hearings

July – January
  • Printing process

2014
April 1, 2014
  • Effective date of new codes

Sign up to receive notifications. Individuals that express interest will be notified of specific dates to submit proposed changes, attend code committee and board meetings.

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