

*St. Louis County Department of Public Works  
Division of Code Enforcement*

**COUNTY BUILDING CODE HISTORY**  
**CODE ADOPTING AND AMENDING ORDINANCES**

This is an unofficial history of the County's Building Code adopting and amending ordinances as researched and created by the Department of Public Works Division of Code Enforcement. Official St. Louis County ordinance records may be obtained from the St. Louis County Clerk's Office.

<b><u>CODE EDITION</u></b>	<b><u>ORDINANCE NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u></b>
<b>1950 BOCA<sup>a</sup></b>	132-51	December 19, 1951
	236-52 <sup>k</sup>	November 5, 1952
	237-52 <sup>l</sup>	November 5, 1952
	414-54 <sup>b</sup>	February 17, 1954
	1105-57	November 13, 1957
	1187-58 <sup>m</sup>	March 18, 1958
	1741-60	March 3, 1960
	2716-62	November 9, 1962
<b>1960 BOCA<sup>c</sup></b>	3198-64	March 3, 1964
	3469-64 <sup>d</sup>	December 29, 1964
<b>1965 BOCA</b>	4456-67 <sup>e</sup>	October 2, 1967
	4614-68	February 20, 1968
	4708-68 <sup>f</sup>	May 13, 1968
	5029-69	April 10, 1969
	5263-69	December 1, 1969
	5295-69 <sup>g</sup>	December 22, 1969
	5466-70	May 18, 1970
5550-70	August 11, 1970	
<b>1970 BOCA</b>	5694-70 <sup>h</sup>	December 21, 1970
	6287-72	April 17, 1972
	6409-72	July 28, 1972
	6490-72	October 6, 1972
	7087-74 <sup>i</sup>	April 8, 1974
	7132-74	May 20, 1974
	7302-74	November 12, 1974
<b>1975 BOCA</b>	7663-75 <sup>n</sup>	November 28, 1975
	7770-76	March 5, 1976
	7887-76	July 1, 1976
<b>1978 BOCA</b>	9716-80 <sup>j</sup>	May 16, 1980
<b>1984 BOCA</b>	11,718-84	October 5, 1984
<b>1987 BOCA</b>	14,077-88	September 16, 1988
<b>1993 BOCA</b>	16,912-94	March 21, 1994
	17,696-95	August 14, 1995
	18,041-96	May 30, 1996
<b>1996 BOCA</b>	18,580-97	August 7, 1997
	18,857-98	February 27, 1998
	19,298-99	January 14, 1999

	<b>19,406-99</b>	<b>April 24, 1999</b>
<b>1999 BOCA</b>	<b>20,311-00<sup>o</sup></b>	<b>December 21, 2000</b>
<b>2003 IBC, IRC<sup>p</sup>, &amp; IEBC by ICC</b>	<b>22,314-05</b> <b>22,451-05</b> <b>22,689-06</b>	<b>September 1, 2005</b> <b>September 7, 2005</b> <b>March 23, 2006</b>
<b>2009 IRC by ICC</b>	<b>24,427-10</b>	<b>November 1, 2010</b>
<b>2009 IBC &amp; IEBC by ICC</b>	<b>24,444-10</b>	<b>November 1, 2010</b>
<b>IRC amendments</b>	<b>24,852-11</b>	<b>September 15, 2011</b>
<b>IBC amendments</b>	<b>24,853-11</b>	<b>September 15, 2011</b>
<b>IBC, IRC &amp; IEBC amendments</b>	<b>25,572-13</b>	<b>December 1, 2013</b>
<b>2015 IBC, IRC, IEBC &amp; ISPSC by ICC</b>	<b>27,654-19</b>	<b>April 1, 2020</b>

- Note a. Includes 1950 BOCA abridged building code.
- Note b. Includes the 1953 BOCA adopted code changes.
- Note c. Includes the 1960 BOCA abridged building code and the 1963 supplements thereto.
- Note d. Amends by the adoption of the 1964 BOCA supplement #4.
- Note e. Includes the 1966 BOCA supplements 1 and 1-A.
- Note f. Adds the 1967 BOCA supplement.
- Note g. Adds appendices A through M, the 1965 BOCA supplements 1 and 1-A with appendices B, C, D, F and I, including the 1967 BOCA accumulative supplement with appendices A through K. Includes the American Standard Building Code for Masonry dated 7/14/54.
- Note h. Includes appendices A through N.
- Note i. Adopts appendices A through M and the 1972 BOCA accumulative supplement. Also adopts the 1971 BOCA Basic Mechanical Code.
- Note j. Includes appendices A through M and the 1978 BOCA Basic Mechanical Code with appendices A through E.
- Note k. Amendments to unlimited area buildings.
- Note l. Adds six new paragraphs.
- Note m. New fees for periodic inspection of mechanical equipment.
- Note n. Includes appendices A through M and the 1975 BOCA Basic Mechanical Code.
- Note o. Includes 1999 BOCA Building Code, 1999 BOCA Fire Prevention Code, 1995 CABO One-and Two-Family Dwelling Code and 1995 CABO Model Energy Code.
- Note p. Subsequent Ordinances 22,451 & 22,689 allowed residential builders to continue using 1999 BOCA until June 1, 2006.

## **BUILDING CODE ADOPTING ORDINANCES DESCRIPTION**

<b><u>ORDINANCE NO.</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>
132-51	Adopts the 1950 BOCA Basic Building Code and 1950 BOCA Abridged Building Code.
236-52	Amends ordinance #132-51 by changing sections relating to unlimited area structures.
237-52	Amends ordinance #132-51 by adding six new paragraphs relating to vents, vent connectors, dampers, plumbing inspections, gas piping, and attached garages.
414-54.1.1	Adopts the 1953 BOCA code changes to the 1950 BOCA Basic Building Code and the 1950 BOCA Abridged Building Code.

- 1105-57 Amends the 1950 BOCA Basic Building Code. Established periodical mechanical inspection schedule and fees.
- 1187-58 Repeals ordinance #1105-57 and establishes a new periodic mechanical inspection schedule and fees.
- 1741-60 Amends the BOCA Basic Building Code to allow extended travel distances for unlimited area buildings. Requires building commission review that temporarily establishes the building as "outside the fire limits.
- 2716-62 Amends the BOCA Basic Building Code to require two means of egress above or below the first floor and 3/4 hour exitway enclosures. Adds exception for motels.
- 3198-64 Adopts the 1960 BOCA Basic Building Code and the 1960 BOCA Abridged Building Code and the 1963 supplements thereto.
- 3469-64 Amends the 1960 BOCA Basic Building Code, the 1960 BOCA Abridged Building Code, and the 1963 supplements thereto by the adoption of the 1964 approved changes to each. These are referred to as the "BOCA Basic Building Code Supplement #4."
- 4456-67 Adopts the 1965 BOCA Basic Building Code and the 1966 supplements numbered 1 and 1-A.
- 4614-68 Modifies many sections of ordinance # 4456-67 and adds sections for preliminary inspections.
- 4708-68 Amends the code by the addition of the 1967 BOCA Supplement and modifies the fee sections. Amends section on jalousie windows.
- 5029-69 Adds section for grading and storm water control.
- 5263-69 Amends section on stop-work orders.
- 5295-69 Amends the portion of ordinance #4456-67 relating to the codes adopted and changes it to reflect the 1965 BOCA Basic Building Code with appendices A through M, the 1965 Supplements numbered 1 and 1-A with appendices B, C, D, F and I. Also adopted the 1967 Accumulative Supplement with appendices A through K. Adopted the American Standard Building Code for Masonry dated 7/14/54 as published by the National Bureau of Standards.
- 5466-70 Amends grading section of ordinance #5029-69.
- 5550-70 Adds section pertaining to temporary structures.
- 5694-70 Adopts the 1970 BOCA Basic Building Code with appendices A through N.
- 6287-72 Amended by adding one section pertaining to the anchorage of travel trailers and mobile homes.
- 6409-72 Amends ordinance #5694-70 by the addition of six new sections relating to fees, opening protectives, number of exits, vertical tenant separations and exit enclosures.

6490-72 Amends fees.

7087-74 Amends ordinance #5694-70 by adopting appendices A through M and the 1972 Accumulative Supplement plus the 1971 BOCA Basic Mechanical Code.

7132-74 Adopts a new section establishing the Committee of Building Code Review.

7302-74 Amends requirements for temporary structures.

7663-75 Adopts the 1975 BOCA Basic Building Code with appendices A through M and the 1975 BOCA Basic Mechanical Code.

7770-76 Amends automatic sprinkler system requirements and benefits.

7887-76 Amends section relating to requirements for handicapped accessibility.

9716-80 Adopts the 1978 BOCA Basic Building Code with appendices A through M and the 1978 BOCA Basic Mechanical Code with appendices A through E.

11,718-84 Adopts the 1984 BOCA Basic National Building Code.

14,077-88 Adopts the 1987 BOCA National Building Code.

16,912-94 Adopts the 1993 BOCA National Building Code.

17,696-95 Amends height restriction for one and two-family dwellings.

18,041-96 Revised Section 122.0 relating to Unfit Buildings or Structures.

18,580-97 Adopts the 1996 BOCA National Building Code, the 1995 CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code, and the 1995 CABO Model Energy Code with amendments.

18,857-98 Amends the 1996 BOCA National Building Code and the 1995 CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code sections dealing with foundation walls, handrails, door widths, and lateral soil loads.

19,298 -99 Amends Chapter 13 of the 1996 BOCA Building Code and the 1995 CABO Model Energy Code.

19,406-99 Amends the 1996 BOCA Building Code relating to governmental building signs, temporary election signs, temporary subdivision signs, temporary structures and flood resistant construction.

20,311-00 Adopts the 1999 BOCA National Building Code and the 1999 BOCA Fire Prevention Code. Retains 1995 CABO One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code, and the 1995 CABO Model Energy Code with amendments.

22,314-05 Adopts the 2003 edition of the International Code Council (ICC) Building, Residential and Existing Building Codes through one single ordinance - 22,314. Said ordinance being "Adopted" by the County Council on May 17, 2005 and "Approved" by the County Executive on May 18, 2005. Section 5 of the ordinance establishes the effective date of the ordinance as the "1st.

Day of the month following ninety (90) calendar days from and after the date of its adoption by the County Council and approved by the County Executive.” The ordinance came into effect and full force on September 1, 2005.

- 22,451-05 Revised Ordinance 22,314-05 by allowing residential construction (one & two family and townhouses) to comply with either the new code or the prior Building Code ('99 BOCA) until January 1, 2006.
- 22,689-06 Revised Ordinance 22,314-05 by allowing one & two family construction to comply with either the new code or the prior Building Code ('99 BOCA) until January 1, 2006.
- 24,427-10 Adopts the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC), including Appendix G – Swimming Pools, Spas, & Hot Tubs, and Appendix K – Sound Transmission with amendments. Said Ordinance being approved on July 13, 2010. Section 5 of said ordinance establishes the effective date as the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following 90 calendar days from the approval date. The ordinance came into effect on November 1, 2010.
- 24,444-10 Adopts the 2009 International Building Code (IBC) including Appendix C – Group U- Agricultural Buildings and Appendix H – Signs with amendments and the 2009 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) including Appendix A – Guidelines for Seismic Retrofit of Existing Buildings with amendments. Said Ordinance being approved on July 21, 2010. Section 6 of said ordinance establishes the effective date as the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following 90 calendar days from the approval date. The ordinance came into effect on November 1, 2010.
- 24,852-11 Amends the 2009 IRC provisions related to making sprinklers optional to the purchaser until January 1, 2020 as mandated by State Law.
- 24,853-11 Amends the accessibility provisions of 2009 IBC and referenced standard to require van accessible spaces at a higher ratio than before, etc. as mandated by State Law.
- 25,572-13 Amends various 2009 IBC, IRC and IEBC administrative sections. Including but not necessarily limited to contracting with fire protection districts, defining disaster, failure to request inspections and adding Section 119, Demolition of Structures.
- 27,654-19 Adopts the 2015 International Building Code (IBC) including Appendix C – Group U- Agricultural Buildings and Appendix H – Signs with amendments, the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC), including Appendix K – Sound Transmission with amendments, the 2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) including Appendix A – Guidelines for Seismic Retrofit of Existing Buildings with amendments and the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) with amendments. Said Ordinance being approved on December 18, 2019. Section 8 of said ordinance establishes the effective date as the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following 90 calendar days from the approval date. The ordinance came into effect on April 1, 2020.