

Why Should Local Government Jurisdictions Join the International Code Council (ICC)?

Representatives of local government offices ultimately decide the ICC's model building codes through the online governmental consensus vote. While there are thousands of government offices registered, there are tens of thousands that are not. And small towns and counties are underrepresented among ICC voters.

Only representatives from eligible government jurisdictions may participate in the pivotal online governmental consensus vote.

It all begins with a simple question to contacts in local jurisdictions, like elected officials or inspectors and those in permitting offices, planning commissions, zoning appeals boards, and more: "Are you an ICC member?" If they are, make sure they are active in maintaining their membership. If they aren't, encourage them to apply as a governmental member.

Benefits of Membership for Jurisdictions

- **Your voice will be heard in the development of building codes.** Rather than letting special interests and large municipalities dictate codes and advance agendas, smaller jurisdictions can ensure building codes are sensible and enforceable, and result in safe, decent, and affordable housing for your constituents and neighbors.
- **Choose your level of participation in the ICC Code Development Process.** Write proposed changes, collaborate with others in writing and revising proposed changes, join Code Action Committees, or just vote on proposed changes. Because the voting process is entirely online, your membership will not require travel if you desire.
- **Interpretations of code related questions** can be requested from ICC experts to help you better understand and enforce the codes.
- **Discounts on ICC code products**, including the code books every jurisdiction purchases. New members also receive a free digital code book.

Applying for ICC membership is easy. Just go to <https://www.iccsafe.org/membership/join-icc/> to start the application process.

Annual membership dues are affordable. A jurisdiction with a population under 50,000 pays only \$145/year. For jurisdictions with populations between 50,000 and 150,000, the cost is just \$265/year.

And don't forget: Many home building professionals are in positions to be their jurisdiction's voting representative. They sit on commissions and boards that are eligible for ICC governmental membership. So start a conversation with them to see if the jurisdiction is a member.

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