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2024 South Carolina Code Adoptions

On August 26, 2025, the South Carolina Building Codes Council adopted the latest editions of the mandatory codes and select appendices with modifications, as referenced in S.C. Code Ann. §6-9-50 (1976, as amended), to be enforced by all municipalities and counties in South Carolina.

The adopted mandatory codes are as follows:

2024 Edition of the International Building Code with modifications[1]
2024 Edition of the International Residential Code with modifications[2]
2024 Edition of the International Fire Code with modifications[3]
2024 Edition of the International Plumbing Code with modifications[4]
2024 Edition of the International Mechanical Code with modifications[5]
2024 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code with modifications[6]
2023 Edition of the National Electrical Code with modifications

The Council established the implementation date for local jurisdictions as **January 1, 2027**.

Print and PDF download versions of the 2024 South Carolina codes will be available for pre-order from the International Code Council's website prior to the January 1, 2027 implementation. The 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code is available for purchase from the National Fire Protection Association's website.

The mandatory codes listed above are to be used in conjunction with the latest code modifications approved by the Council. Only the modifications approved and listed on the Council's website are valid for use in the State. Building code modifications that have not been approved by the Council are invalid and cannot be adopted, employed or enforced by municipalities and counties.

Adoption of the mandatory codes does not include the chapters, sections or provisions addressing administrative policies or procedures. Administrative policies and procedures are the sole responsibility of each local jurisdiction. If the governing body of a local jurisdiction desires to use the administrative provisions in one or more of the adopted codes, it must first adopt the chapters or sections by ordinance. In lieu of adopting the administrative provisions contained in the adopted codes, the governing body of a local jurisdiction may develop specific administrative policies and procedures for the operation of its Building Inspection Department by ordinance.

The latest edition of ICC/ANSI A117.1, Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities, is adopted by statute (S.C. Code Ann. § 10-5-210 *et seq*.), and is mandatory for use in all municipalities and counties within the State. The International Code Council published the 2026 edition of ICC/ANSI A117.1 standard in September 2026 and it is currently available for purchase on the International Code Council's website.

The South Carolina Legislature has enacted the Energy Standard Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 6-10-10 *et seq*.), and pursuant to the Energy Standard Act, the 2009 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code has been statutorily adopted as the energy standard and is mandatory for use in all jurisdictions within the State.

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[1] As modified, known as the 2024 South Carolina Building Code
[2] As modified, known as the 2024 South Carolina Residential Code
[3] As modified, known as the 2024 South Carolina Fire Code
[4] As modified, known as the 2024 South Carolina Plumbing Code
[5] As modified, known as the 2024 South Carolina Mechanical Code
[6] As modified, known as the 2024 South Carolina Fuel Gas Code