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GEORGIA STATE MINIMUM STANDARD CODES

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On October 1, 1991, the Uniform Codes Act became effective in Georgia. On July 1, 2004, this Act was revised to make the following eight construction codes mandatory as the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes. Listed below are the code editions in effect as of January 1, 2015:

International Building Code	2012 Edition
International Residential Code	2012 Edition
International Plumbing Code	2012 Edition
International Mechanical Code	2012 Edition
International Fuel Gas Code	2012 Edition
International Energy Conservation Code	2009 Edition
International Fire Code	2012 Edition
National Electrical Code	2014 Edition

The Act requires local governments that elect to enforce these codes within their jurisdictions to adopt administrative procedures and penalties in order to locally enforce any of these mandatory codes. Also, any applicable appendices of these codes must be adopted locally in order to be enforceable within a specific local jurisdiction.

The Act also made the following optional codes available for local government adoption and enforcement. Local governments choosing to enforce any of the below optional codes must adopt the code(s) they wish to enforce, as well as administrative procedures and penalties.

International Property Maintenance Code	2012 Edition
International Existing Building Code	2012 Edition
International Swimming Pool and Spa Code	2012 Edition
National Green Building Standard	2008 Edition

The Georgia Amendments are available at the below web link:

http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/constructioncodes/programs/codeAmendments.asp

The DCA Board specifically omitted the plumbing, electrical, and energy requirements of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings. Therefore, the plumbing requirements of the International Plumbing Code, the electrical requirements of the National Electrical Code, and the energy requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code must be used for one- and two-family dwelling construction.

If you need assistance in establishing or updating construction codes enforcement program in your area, please contact DCA's Construction Codes Program at (404) 679-3118 or codes@dca.ga.gov.