The Montana Department of Labor and Industry will be conducting two in-person listening sessions, to gather input on adopting administrative rules and new editions of the building codes, energy code, elevator code, and boiler codes.

The following provides a schedule of the listening session, an agenda and a flowchart of the opportunities to provide input. All current administrative rules will be carried forward unless they are changed as a result of comments received during the code adoption process.

The Department’s goal is to provide as many opportunities as possible for stakeholders to provide input on the code adoption process and these opportunities are outlined in the flowchart. The comments received during these listening sessions will be presented to the Building Codes Council for their review and input. The Department will then begin the administrative rule process which requires a written comment period and a public hearing.

Participants are encouraged to comment on any topic regarding the state building code.
Public/Stakeholder Input Opportunity

Model Code Published – various sources, code entities – documents serve as starting or base documents
Active Department participation

Department may seek help from Industry Groups (Input Opportunity)

Background Analysis performed by the Department to gauge changes and impacts to Montana
Department seeks to evaluate codes for: Standards of safety, design & fire prevention Economic considerations Use of modern practices, methods, materials Uniform application of the codes

Public/Stakeholder Input Opportunity

Department actively Seeks Stakeholder Input through stakeholder meetings – Public and written testimony taken

Department Summarizes public input from stakeholder meetings prepares findings for Building Codes Council

Building Codes Advisory Council meets to take public testimony, craft and establish code proposals
Industry Representatives on Council

Public/Stakeholder Input Opportunity

Department documents action of Building Codes Council - prepares Rules Proposal


Public/Stakeholder Input Opportunity

Rules Hearing Process

MAPA Process Followed

Public/Stakeholder Participation Opportunity

Code Adoptions – Department provides substantial training opportunities on new code provisions for stakeholders
Local Certified Government Building Code Jurisdictions have an additional 90 days to adopt same codes/same modifications
The Department will be taking comments on adopting more current editions of the following codes. Under each listing is a link to the current administrative rule adopting the code and a link to information regarding each code. All administrative rules can be accessed here.

### 2021 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

- ARM 24.301.131: [Code Information](#)
- ARM 24.301.142: [Code Information](#)

### 2021 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE

- ARM 24.301.154: [Code Information](#)

### 2021 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

- ARM 24.301.161: [Code Information](#)

Montana Residential Energy Efficiency Statement of Policy - [MCA 50-60-801](#)

MCA 50-60-203 (1) b. Rules concerning the conservation of energy must conform to the policy established in 50-60-801 and to relevant policies developed under the provisions of Title 90, chapter 4, part 10.

### 2021 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE

- ARM 24.301.171: [Code Information](#)

### 2021 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE & NFPA 99

- ARM 24.301.301: [UPC Code Information](#)  
  [NFPA 99 Code Information](#)

### 2021 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE

- ARM 24.301.172: [Code Information](#)

### 2021 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE

- ARM 24.301.173: [Code Information](#)

### 2020 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

- ARM 24.301.401: [Code Information](#)

### 2021 INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE
2021 INTERNATIONAL -WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE

MONTANA BOILER SAFETY CODE

MONTANA ELEVATOR SAFETY CODE

ASME A17.3-2017 Information

ASME a18.1-2020 Information