

## 2021 Illinois Conservation Code

The update cycle for the 2021 Illinois Energy Conservation Code has begun. The Illinois Code is based upon the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code. CDB will be accepting amendment proposals to the Code until August 15, 2021. All amendments will be considered by the Illinois Energy Conservation Advisory Council (ILECAC) and must be submitted on a Public Code Change Proposal Form. The link to the word document is [HERE](#) and the link to the PDF is [HERE](#). The procedure for submitting proposals is as follows:

### 3.0 Submittal of Amendments

- 3.1 **Intent:** Any interested person, persons or group may submit a code amendment which will be considered when in conformance to these procedures.
- 3.2 **Withdrawal of Proposal:** An amendment may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time prior to action by the Subcommittee. All actions on the amendment shall cease immediately upon its withdrawal.
- 3.3 **Form and Content of Code Change Submittals:** Each amendment shall be submitted separately and shall be complete in itself. Each submittal shall contain the following information:
  - 3.3.1 **Proponent:** Each amendment shall include the name, title, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the proponent.
    - 3.3.1.1 If a group, organization or committee submits an amendment, an individual with prime responsibility shall be indicated.
    - 3.3.1.2 If a proponent submits an amendment on behalf of a client, group, organization or committee, the name and mailing address of the client, group, organization or committee shall be indicated.
  - 3.3.2 **Code Reference:** Each amendment shall relate to the applicable code sections(s) in the latest edition of the (International Energy Conservation) Code except for such amendments determined by the ILECAC.
    - 3.3.2.1 If more than one section in the Code is affected by an amendment, appropriate proposals shall be included for all such affected sections.
  - 3.3.3 **Multiple Amendments to a Code Section.** A proponent shall not submit multiple amendments to the same code section. When a proponent submits multiple amendments to the same section, the proposals shall be considered as incomplete proposals and processed in accordance with Section 4.2. This restriction shall not apply to amendments that attempt to address differing subject matter within a code section.
  - 3.3.4 **Text Presentation:** The text of the amendment shall be presented in the specific wording desired with deletions shown struck out with a single line and additions shown underlined with a single line.
    - 3.3.4.1 A charging statement shall indicate the referenced code

- section(s) and whether the amendment is intended to be an addition, a deletion or a revision to existing Code text.
- 3.3.4.2 Whenever practical, the existing wording of the text shall be preserved with only such deletions and additions as necessary to accomplish the desired change.
  - 3.3.4.3 Each amendment shall be in proper code format and terminology.
  - 3.3.4.4 Each amendment shall be complete and specific in the text to eliminate unnecessary confusion or misinterpretation.
  - 3.3.4.5 The proposed text shall be in mandatory terms.
- 3.3.5 **Supporting Information:** Each amendment shall include sufficient supporting information to indicate how the amendment is intended to affect the intent and application of the Code.
- 3.3.5.1 **Purpose:** The proponent shall clearly state the purpose of the amendment (e.g. clarify the Code; revise outdated material; substitute new or revised material for current provisions of the Code; add new requirements to the Code; delete current requirements, etc.)
  - 3.3.5.2 **Reasons:** The proponent shall justify changing the current Code provisions, stating why the amendment is superior to the current provisions of the Code. Amendments which add or delete requirements shall be supported by a logical explanation which clearly shows why the current Code provisions are inadequate or overly restrictive, specifies the shortcomings of the current Code provisions and explains how such amendments will improve the Code.
  - 3.3.5.3 **Cost Impact:** The proponent shall indicate one of the following regarding the cost impact of the amendment: 1) the amendment will increase the cost of construction; or 2) the amendment will not increase the cost of construction. The proponent shall submit information which substantiates either assertion. This information will be considered by the subcommittee.
- 3.4 **Online Submittal:** Each amendment and all substantiating information shall be submitted online at the email address designated by Council Chair or Designee.
- 3.5 **Submittal Deadline:** The ILECAC shall establish a deadline for receipt of amendments. Each amendment shall be submitted online to the email address designated by Council Chair or Designee by the deadline. The submitter of an amendment is responsible for the proper and timely receipt of all pertinent materials by the Council Chair or Designee.

The proposal forms shall be submitted to [CDB.BuildingCodes@illinois.gov](mailto:CDB.BuildingCodes@illinois.gov) by no later than August 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. CST.