



City of Helena

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**OPEN LETTER TO THE CITY OF HELENA BUILDING COMMUNITY**  
**FINAL ADOPTION**  
**2012 INTERNATIONAL CODES and UNIFORM PLUMBING**  
**CODE and the 2014 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE**

**Enforcement Effective Date: APRIL 9, 2015**

On November 6, 2014 the State of Montana, Department of Labor and Industry adopted the 2012 edition of the International Codes, 2012 edition of Uniform Plumbing Code and 2014 edition of the National Electrical Code. The City of Helena has subsequently adopted these editions of the codes as mandated by the State of Montana with final passage by the City Commission on March 9, 2015 by Ordinance numbers 3200, 3201, 3202, 3203 and 3204. Additionally, effective July 23, 2014 the City began enforcing the 2012 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC) by Ordinance No. 3192.

Beginning **April 9, 2015** the City of Helena Building Division will enforce the 2012 edition of the International Codes and 2014 edition of the National Electrical Code along with the State of Montana, Administrative Rules amendments and as amended in City Code, Title 3, Chapter 9. All permit application received on or after April 9, 2015 will be reviewed under the newly adopted codes. Submissions found to be incomplete will not be accepted.

**Codes effective April 9, 2015 are:**

**2012 International Building Code - IBC**  
**2012 International Residential Code – IRC**  
**2012 International Mechanical Code - IMC**  
**2012 International Fuel Gas Code - IFGC**  
**2012 International Existing Building Code - IEBC**  
**2012 Uniform Plumbing Code - UPC**  
**2014 National Electrical Code - NEC (NFPA 70)**

**Enforcement effective: July 23, 2014**

**2012 - International Fire Code - IFC**

The codes listed above have been amended by the Administrative Rules of Montana Title 24, Chapter 301 which can be found at <http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/bc/rules.asp> or City Code, Title 3 at [www.helenamt.gov](http://www.helenamt.gov) and click on the tab “City Code”. The fire code is amended by City Code, Title 3, Chapter 9.

Should you have any questions about this code adoption, please contact the City of Helena Building Division.