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**OPEN LETTER TO THE CITY OF HELENA BUILDING COMMUNITY**  
**FINAL ADOPTION**  
**2018 INTERNATIONAL CODES, UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, and**  
**2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE**

**Enforcement Effective Date: March 25, 2020**

On December 4, 2019 the State of Montana's, Department of Labor and Industry adopted the 2018 edition of International Codes, the 2018 edition of Uniform Plumbing Code, and the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code. The City of Helena has subsequently adopted these editions of codes as mandated by the State of Montana with final passage by the City Commission on February 24, 2020 by Ordinance number 3280.

The 2012 International Fire Code (IFC) and the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is still being enforced. Adoption of the 2018 editions will occur at a later date.

Beginning **March 25, 2020**, the City of Helena Building Division will enforce the 2018 edition of the International Codes and the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code along with the State of Montana, Administrative Rules amendments and as amended in City Code, Title 3. All permit applications received on or after March 25, 2020 will be reviewed under the newly adopted codes. Submissions found to be incomplete will not be accepted.

**Codes effective March 25, 2020 are:**

**2018 International Building Code - IBC**  
**2018 International Residential Code – IRC**  
**2018 International Mechanical Code - IMC**  
**2018 International Fuel Gas Code - IFGC**  
**2018 International Existing Building Code - IEBC**  
**2018 Uniform Plumbing Code - UPC**  
**2017 National Electrical Code - NEC (NFPA 70)**

**Enforcement effective: July 23, 2014**

**2012 - International Fire Code – IFC**

**Enforcement effective: April 9, 2015**

**2012 - International Energy Conservation Code – IECC**

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/Building-Codes-Permits/current-codes> or City Code, Title 3 at [www.helenamt.gov](http://www.helenamt.gov) by clicking on the “City Code” tab. 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 at (406) 447-8438.

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