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**OPEN LETTER TO THE CITY OF HELENA BUILDING COMMUNITY**  
**FINAL ADOPTION**

**2021 INTERNATIONAL CODES, UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE and 2020  
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE**

**Enforcement Effective Date: OCTOBER 26, 2022**

On June 11, 2022, the State of Montana's, Department of Labor and Industry adopted the 2021 edition of International Codes, the 2021 edition of Uniform Plumbing Code, and the 2020 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 September 26, 2022. Enforcement of these codes will begin 30 day following final adoption.

Beginning October 26, 2022, the City of Helena Building Division will enforce the 2021 edition of the International Codes, Uniform Plumbing Code and the 2020 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 October 26, 2022, will be reviewed under the newly adopted codes. Submissions found to be incomplete will not be accepted.

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- International Building Code, 2021 Edition
- International Residential Code, 2021 Edition
- International Existing Building Code, 2021 Edition
- ICC A117.1 – Accessible and Usable Building and Facilities, 2017 Edition
- Uniform Plumbing Code, 2021 Edition
- International Mechanical Code, 2021 Edition
- International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 Edition
- NFPA 70 - National Electrical Code, 2020 Edition
- International Energy Conservation Code, 2021 Edition
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2021 Edition

The 2012 International Fire Code will remain in effect until such time as the State Fire Marshal's office adopts a more current edition. We will notify you of any pending action with the Fire Code.

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.