The NH State Building and Fire Codes are Being Updated by September 15, 2019

In July of 2019, Governor Sununu signed into law House Bill 562, which updates the NH State Building Code (RSA 155-A) to the 2015 editions.

The New Hampshire Building Officials Association is a proponent of equal and fair administration of all codes in New Hampshire and we firmly support a statewide uniform building code. We also understand and appreciate that updating of codes can bring challenges that may affect projects in your communities, especially those that may take many months to finalize. The following code updates are scheduled to go into effect by September 15, 2019.

The Updated NH State Building and Fire Codes:

- 2015 International Building Code
- 2015 International Residential Code
- 2015 International Plumbing Code
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2015 International Existing Building Code
- 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
  (New book; requirements moved from IBC and IRC)
- 2017 National Electrical Code, NFPA 70 (already adopted)
- 2015 Fire Code, NFPA 1 (effective September 8, 2019)

Amendments to the NH State Building and Fire Codes:
Several of the adopted codes have amendments to address specific New Hampshire concerns. Many of these amendments have been carried-over from the 2009 codes. These amendments can be found on the NH Building Code Review Board (BCRB) website for Building Codes or http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/saf-c6000.html for Fire Codes