

International Code Council Government Relations Update – April 2015

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Proposed Changes to 2015 Group A Codes Available for Review

To view the monograph of changes that was posted on March 13 to assist in locating all of the proposed code changes to be considered at the Committee Action Hearings at the Memphis, Tenn., Cook Convention Center, click here: <http://media.iccsafe.org/codes/2015-2017/GroupA/Complete-Monograph.pdf>. The hearings will start at 1:00 p.m. on April 19 and are scheduled to end on April 28. Click to view the schedule: http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Documents/2015-2017Cycle/2015GroupA_CAH_Hearing_Schedule.pdf

FREE Registration Still Open for 2015 Committee Action Hearings

This year's Committee Action Hearings, from April 19 – 30 in Memphis, TN, offer ICC Members and all concerned with building safety the opportunity to discuss and debate various code change proposals to the Group A 2018 International Codes. Whether you attend the hearings in person or participate online through cdpACCESS, you help to ensure the next generation of codes includes the latest technical and scientific advancements to benefit public safety. For more information about the hearings and the codes that will be discussed, and to register for FREE, click here:

<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=12038&ItemID=46216> .

It's Time to Proclaim Building Safety Month!

With May coming up next month, we need everyone's support to make sure as many people know about the vital and often thankless work that building safety professionals do. Getting official proclamations from chapters, local jurisdictions, and state legislatures and governors is a great way to dramatically increase the awareness of how much codes and standards mean to everyday life. ICC has provided a helpful guide to getting proclamations:

http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Documents/2015/2015_BSM_Proclam_Guide.pdf, as well as a sample proclamation anyone can sign:

http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Documents/2015/PR/2015_BSM_Proclam_Template.pdf. Send your signed proclamations to BSM@iccsafe.org and see them on the website!

Can You Run a Building Safety Month Event?

The answer is: probably yes, and now is the time to begin planning a Chapter event! All the Building Safety Month promotional and educational resources you need are at www.buildingsafetymonth.org, including step-by-step instructions to help you organize a community activity, obtain resolutions from your mayors, and more. You may download many of the Building Safety Month toolkit items completely free from the website. You may also purchase printed brochures, stickers, pencils and other promotional

items from the International Code Council's online store while supplies last.

ICC Chapters are such an important part of this annual initiative. Be sure to send me any photos, news items or information about the Building Safety Month events you sponsor. We want to feature your efforts in our news outlets! If you have questions or need help accessing any of the Building Safety Month resources, call the ICC Customer Service at 1-800-786-4452 or email BSM@iccsafe.org.

Get Grant Funding for Code Enforcement – Here's How to Apply

The Housing and Community Development Act and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations permit the use of CDBG funds for selected code enforcement activities performed by ICC Governmental Member jurisdictions. Click here to learn how ICC can assist and support ICC Members in securing funding: <http://forums.iccsafe.org/gr/Documents/ICC-CDBG-Funding.pdf>

ICYMI - Funding Available for States and Municipalities That Have Adopted the ISPSC

The Consumer Product Safety Commission expects to award \$1 million in grants in fiscal year 2015 to reduce deaths and injuries from drowning and drain entrapments in pools and spas through education programs for enforcement officials. The grant program is part of the CPSC's national effort to make drowning and drain entrapment prevention a critical public safety priority. To find out more about the grant opportunity and to apply, click here: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=272588>