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Notice to all Licensed Design Professionals,
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On Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Governor Sununu signed into law House Bill 562, which updates the NH State Building Code (RSA 155-A) to the 2015 editions. The updated codes are scheduled to go into effect on September 15, 2019.

We understand and appreciate that updating of codes can bring changes that may affect your projects, especially those projects that may take many months to finalize. To that end, proposed projects that are in the formal process with the Community Development Offices, including the Planning Department or the Building and Fire Division, which have submitted an application for review prior to September 15, 2019 will be permitted to continue in finalizing designs, receive permitting and have inspections performed to the applicable codes in effect at time of application, provided that final "For Construction" building and building systems plans are submitted and received, no later than September 13, 2019.

The updated codes for the state of New Hampshire as of September 15, 2019 will be:

- 2015 International Building Code
- 2015 International Residential Code
- 2015 International Plumbing Code
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2015 International Existing Building Code
- 2015 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (this is a new code; requirements removed from the IBC and IRC)
- 2017 National Electrical Code, NFPA 70 (already adopted)
- 2015 Fire Code, NFPA 1
- 2015 Life Safety Code, NFPA 101 (already adopted)

Several of the adopted codes also have amendments to address New Hampshire specific concerns. These amendments can be found on the NH Building Code Review Board (BCRB) website at:

<https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/bldgexhibits.html>

Anyone that has questions or concerns about a specific project and what codes will apply are encouraged to contact the Building Department at 603-420-1730 or

<https://www.merrimacknh.gov/building-code-enforcement-division>