

ARKANSAS: State Codes and Contacts

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State Construction Code Agencies (cont'd):

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Code Summary:

Arkansas adopts mandatory minimum codes that apply to all buildings, but local jurisdictions may amend them to be more stringent.

Code Change Cycle:

There is no set schedule for reviewing and updating codes. The board or department responsible for regulations is empowered to implement the rulemaking process, which includes publication, public comment, and hearings.

Next Scheduled Update:

The present Arkansas Fire Prevention Code became effective January 1, 1999. There is no schedule for an update.

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Type of Code	State Code	Technical Basis	Applicability	Preemptive Application	Admin.	Enforce.
Building	Arkansas Fire Prevention Code	2000 IBC with state supplement	All buildings.	Mandatory minimum. Local jurisdictions may amend to make more stringent.	1	1 and Local
Mechanical	Arkansas Mechanical Code	IMC 2000 with state amendments	All buildings.	Mandatory minimum. Local jurisdictions may amend to make more stringent.	2	2 or Local
Plumbing	Arkansas State Plumbing Code	2000 IPC with state amendments	All buildings.	Mandatory minimum. Local jurisdictions may amend to make more stringent.	2	2 or Local
Electrical	1999 NEC	1999 NEC	All buildings.	Mandatory minimum. Local jurisdictions may amend to make more stringent.	3A and Local	Local
Energy	2004 Arkansas Energy Code for New Building Construction	2003 IECC with state amendments ASHRAE Std. 90.1-2001	Low-rise residential buildings. Commercial and high-rise residential buildings.	Mandatory for all buildings. Adoption by local jurisdictions is voluntary.	4	4 or Local
Gas	1995 Arkansas State Gas Code	1994 SGC with state amendments	All buildings.	Mandatory minimum. Local jurisdictions may amend to make more stringent.	2	Local
Fire Prevention	Arkansas Fire Prevention Code	2000 IFC with state supplement	All buildings.	Mandatory minimum. Local jurisdictions may amend to make more stringent.	1	1 and Local
Life Safety	Arkansas Fire Prevention Code	2000 IFC with state supplement	All buildings. (This code referenced if item is not covered in Standard codes)	Mandatory minimum. Local jurisdictions may amend to make more stringent.	1	1 and Local
Accessibility	Arkansas Fire Prevention Code	2000 IBC with state supplement	All buildings.	Mandatory minimum. Local jurisdictions may amend to make more stringent.	1	1 and Local

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One & Two Family	1995 OTFDC	1995 OTFDC	1 and 2 family dwellings.	Mandatory minimum.	1 or Local	1 and Local
Modular	Above codes applicable to all buildings		Modular buildings.			
Ventilation/ Indoor Air Quality	Arkansas Mechanical Code	ASHRAE Std. 62	All buildings.	Mandatory minimum. Local jurisdictions may amend to make more stringent.	2	2 or Local
Manufactured Home Installation	Arkansas Manufactured Home Commission Rules and Regulations	state-written	All manufactured homes.	Mandatory minimum.	5	5
Elevator	ANSI/ASME A17.1 - 1993	ANSI/ASME A17.1 - 1993	All buildings.	Mandatory.	3B and Local	3B or Local