

## Community Engagement Summary: 2024 Technical Code Changes Engagement #3 (IEBC)

### Overview

The City of Austin updates the technical codes in accordance with the International Code Council (ICC) and International Association of Plumbing & Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) code cycle schedules. The International Codes are the most trusted source of model codes and standards.

In preparation for the adoption of 2024 Technical Codes later this year, DSD provided one stakeholder engagement opportunity for updates to the International Existing Building Code (IEBC). This code, along with any needed local amendments, will be reviewed by the Austin City Council prior to adoption.

2024 Technical Code Changes stakeholder engagement opportunity for the International Existing Building Code (IEBC):

- [Public Input web page](#)  
Open to community comments from July 26, 2024 to August 26, 2024.

### Stakeholders & Advertising

#### First Round: IBC, ISPSC

The week of March 25, 2024 an email invitation to participate in the first round of technical code changes engagements (focusing on the IBC and ISPSC) was sent to 3,322 stakeholder email addresses (148 specified stakeholders, 2,750 active building permit holders, and 528 pool permit holders; note: discrepancy due to duplicate removal). The email included promotion of the Public Input webpage, which is the main page for all the 2024 Technical Code Changes.

The IBC and ISPSC engagement opportunities and main Public Input webpage were also included in the in the January, February, and March 2024 Building Connections external e-newsletter; each issue was sent to between 5,655 and 5,726 subscribers. Additionally, the IBC and ISPC engagements and Public Input webpage were included in the internal e-newsletter, the DSD Insider, in March and April 2024. A bilingual (English and Spanish) social media post with a QR code linked to the Public Input webpage was published on Facebook (891 followers) and Instagram (464 followers) on March 29.

#### Second Round: UMC, UPC, IRC, IBC, IPMC, IECC, IFC, and WUIC

The second round of engagements for the 2024 Technical Code Changes (UMC, UPC, IRC, IPMC, IECC, IFC, and WUIC) was announced in the April issue of the external e-newsletter, Building Connections. It included promotion of the Public Input webpage and May 20 webinar. The May 30 in-person engagement and the Public Input webpage for the second round of Technical Code Changes engagement was featured in the external newsletter, Building Connections, on May 28, 2024. Each issue of Building Connections was sent to around 5,740 subscribers.

On May 14, 2024 an email invitation to participate in the second round of technical code changes engagements including the May 20 webinar and May 30 in-person meeting was sent to 3,156 target stakeholders and active building permit holders (148 specified stakeholders and 3,015 active building

permit holders).

On June 7, 2024 Austin Water emailed their historic Landscape Transformation stakeholder list (450 emails) as well as all applicants for site plan and building plan permits in 2023 (approx. 4,200 emails). The email notified recipients of Austin Water's proposed 2024 UPC local amendments for single-family residential development (pressure-reduction devices, irrigation limitation, and laundry to landscape) and pointed them to the 2024 Technical Code Changes Public Input Webpage and comment section. The week of June 24, 2024 Building Connections had an article with updates on the 2024 Technical Code Changes engagements which included a link to the IECC Public Input landing page. The June issue was sent to 5,751 subscribers. That same week an email was sent to 9,618 DSD stakeholders in English and Spanish regarding the comment period for the IBC and IRC, along with updates on other technical codes. The main Technical Code Changes Public Input Webpage was linked; IECC was not referenced.

### **Third Round: IEBC**

The International Existing Building Code (IEBC) reflects content from other technical codes, and no changes were proposed for 2024. For this reason, promotions outside the Engagement web page focused on the codes that would affect the final IEBC. As with all of the technical codes on PublicInput, it was included as a sub page of the main COA 2024 Technical Code Changes Engagement web page. However, the IEBC sub page was added nearer to the date it opened for public comment on July 26, 2024.

### **Feedback Summary**

In total, zero community members participated in the third round of engagement for the 2024 Technical Code Changes which focused on the IEBC.

### **[The Public Input Web Page](#)**

Open to community comments or questions from July 26 to August 26, 2024, the IEBC page received 44 views and zero comments.