



NOTICE

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2021 Charles County Building Code Update

Effective June 28, 2024

Amendments to the Code of Charles County Maryland, Chapter 224 Building Construction, known as the Charles County Building Code, Bill 2024-10, was adopted by the Charles County Commissioners on May 14, 2024. Bill 2024-10 is effective in unincorporated Charles County, Maryland for all building and trade permit applications received on or after June 28, 2024. This amendment adopts the International Codes listed below with modifications as outlined in the Charles County Building Code.

Codes Adopted by Charles County:

2021 International Residential Code (IRC)
2021 International Building Code (IBC)
2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
2021 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
2021 International Mechanical Code (IMC)
2021 International Plumbing Code (IPC)
2021 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
2021 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
2021 International Swimming Pool & Spa Code (ISPSC)
2021 International Fire Code, Chapters 12, 32, and Section 312 only, (IFC)
National Electric Code, 2020 Edition (NEC)

Please note, Charles County also recognizes the following State Codes, as implemented by the Office of the State Fire Marshall:

2018 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code (State Fire Code)
2018 NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code (State Fire Code)

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Key Code Adoption Highlights

- The Charles County Building Code was reformatted to create subsections for each of the incorporated International Code Council (ICC) codes to enable users to easily read and locate requirements.
- The County is now authorized to withhold permits and/or inspections to individuals or entities which have active building code violations and have failed to remedy or correct existing violations.
- When performing inspections which require the inspector to examine energized equipment and the removal of any cover(s) is necessary, the Master Electrician and/or their designee shall be present at the time of the inspection to perform such tasks and re-secure the equipment once the inspection is complete.
- The IECC was updated to comply with Maryland Department of Labor, Maryland Building Performance Standards.
- Incorporated the requirement for all Single-Family Detached Houses, Duplexes, and Townhomes to provide one (1) electric vehicle supply equipment installed parking space or one (1) electric vehicle ready parking space.
- Details the requirements to provide “As-Builts” for new construction of Single-Family Detached Houses, Townhouses, and Additions.

All builders and/or contractors that utilize our Plan on File (POF) option will be required to resubmit their construction drawings for review and approval with the new code cycle. The drawings will be reviewed for compliance with the newly adopted Building Code (2021 International Code Council Codes as modified). More information on how to submit POF under the new code will be forthcoming.

This bill takes effect for all applications submitted on or after June 28, 2024. To view the approved amendments to Chapter 224 Building Construction, please visit: <https://charlescountymd.info/Bill2024-10>