



Clarification on timing of Building Energy Codes in effect in Massachusetts

Dear Stretch Code Stakeholders and Building Officials,

In December the Secretary of State's office officially promulgated new building energy code regulations updating the Stretch energy code and making available a new Specialized stretch energy code option for municipal adoption.

January 1, 2023 was the beginning of a series of updates to the building energy codes to be enforced in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials on behalf of their members requested clarification on what building energy codes are in effect at this time and on future effective dates.

With the BBRs currently working on the adoption of a full 10th edition of the building code based on the ICC 2021 suite of code books, there will be a period of time where the Stretch energy code based on the 2021 model code is in effect prior to the main BBRs administered building code moving to the 2021 editions. This email seeks to clarify the effective dates for ease of reference for building officials and all users of the energy code:

1. **[Stretch code communities \(300 cities and towns\)](#)**

Residential Low-rise code: IECC2021 + 225CMR 22

The Residential low-rise Stretch energy code was updated **effective January 1, 2023** to the **IECC2021 residential code** (also IRC2021 chapter 11) with MA stretch code amendments. The location of the MA amendments has moved

from 780CMR appendix 115.aa to **225 CMR 22**. Copies are available from the State bookstore or from the [DOER website in PDF format](#).

If you have questions for the DOER energy code team please email us at stretchcode@mass.gov

Thank you,
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