

**City of Tacoma  
Planning and Development Services  
Tacoma Building Code**

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The Washington State Building Code is comprised of several different codes. Most are national model codes adopted by reference and amended at the state level. Others, such as the Washington State Energy Code, are state-written state-specific codes. These codes are then adopted and become state law, and are located in RCW 19.27, RCW 70.92, and WAC 51-50.

The Tacoma Building Code is comprised of the Washington State Building Code and local amendments adopted into Tacoma's Municipal Code, as is allowed in WAC 51-04.

The State Building Code Council Adoption includes the following codes, and additional Tacoma adoptions are listed *italicized and red*:

- Washington State Building Code
  - **2018 International Building Code**
    - Includes adoption of Appendix E *and Appendix G*
  - ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009
  - Includes the **2018 International Existing Building Code**
    - *Appendix A*
    - *New Appendix J*
- Residential Code
  - **2018 International Residential Code**
    - Includes adoption of Appendices F, Q and U
    - Chapter 11 and Chapters 25 through 43 are not adopted)
- Mechanical Code
  - **2018 International Mechanical Code**
  - Includes adoption of **2018 International Fuel Gas Code**,
    - 2018 NFPA 58, &
    - 2017 NFPA 54
- Fire Code
  - **2018 International Fire Code, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition**
- Plumbing Code
  - **2018 Uniform Plumbing Code**
    - Includes adoption of Appendices A, B and I
- Energy Code
  - WAC 51-11C (Commercial)
  - WAC 51-11R (Residential)

Additional information about the Washington State Code Building Codes, adoption process, and other related information can be found at <https://sbcc.wa.gov/>.

Additional information about Tacoma's Building Codes and other development codes can be found at <https://www.tacomapermits.org/pds-resource-library>.