

2018 International Construction Codes & 2017 National Electrical Codes Adopted



On November 27, 2018, the Killeen City Council adopted the 2018 International Construction Codes and the 2017 National Electrical Code. The new codes will become effective **January 01, 2019**. Therefore, all permit applications received on or after January 1, 2019, will be designed, constructed and inspected in accordance with the new construction codes.

All permit applications received on or before December 31, 2018 will be governed by the current 2015 Codes and 2014 NEC. Please remember that approved, unpaid, permit applications will expire in 45 days. All issued permits issued will expire if work does not start in 180 days from the issue date or if the project becomes abandoned for a period of 180 days. Expired permits are not refundable and must be started over as a new construction project.

Regarding new home construction, the 2018 International Residential Code offers more options, but there will be some differences. The major differences to look for are:

1. **Permit fee.** Price per square foot increased from 11.5 cents to 13 cents.
2. **Plumbing.** Quick closing water valves shall have a water-hammer arrestor (such as toilets, dishwashers, ice makers, washing machines, etc.).
3. **Electrical.** Wiring circuits, receptacles, switches, and boxes to be wired per 2017 NEC (removed most local electrical amendments).
4. **Energy.** Not less than 90 percent of permanently installed lighting fixtures shall contain high-efficacy lamps (light bulbs).

Note: On the Building Inspections city website (<http://www.killeentexas.gov/204/Building-Inspections>) is a copy of the significant code changes presentation and copy of the amended ordinance. If you have comments or questions regarding the new code changes please contact me through the information below.

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