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Since 1973, the Code Administrators Association of Kentucky has worked to ensure consistent and professional building code enforcement in all areas across the state. Our membership includes more than 650 building inspectors, fire officials, contractors, engineers, architects and others in related fields. CAAK is a Chapter of the International Code Council (ICC) and is headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky.

#### Mission

CAAK’s strategic mission is to advance the professionalism of code users by expanding CAAK’s membership base and loyalty, and by asserting the influence of the organization upon the adoption, use and efficient and effective enforcement of model codes.

James Potter, CAAK Public Relations Chair - Newsletter Editor



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### The International Code Council's 44th Annual Building Safety Month Campaign to Kick Off First Week of May

*The annual campaign invites the public to engage with building safety on a collaborative level with this year's theme of Mission Possible*

**Washington, D.C.** –The month-long educational campaign, which raises awareness about the importance of building codes in establishing and ensuring the safety of the built environment, kicks off on May 1, 2024. This year's theme, "Mission Possible" encourages people to get involved in all aspects of building safety. Each year, the Code Council, its members and global communities celebrate building safety through proclamations, educational events and community gatherings.

Building Safety Month 2024 will explore how building safety is a mission that is only possible when we work together with our local communities for positive change. The weekly themes for this year's campaign are:

Week One (May 1–4): "Understanding the Mission"

Week Two (May 5–11): "Preparing a Building Safety Plan"

Week Three (May 12–18): "Learning from the Pros"

Week Four (May 19–25): "Engaging Your Community"

Week Five (May 26–31): "Celebrating Success in Building Safety"

"Building safety should never be taken for granted," said Code Council Board President Stuart Tom, P.E., CBO, FIAE. "By working together and spreading awareness of building codes and the role they play in ensuring safety in the built environment, we can protect the spaces where we live, work, play and learn."

The Code Council provides resources to promote Building Safety Month including safety tips, promotional graphics and resources for students.

More details about the 2024 Building Safety Month will be released in the coming months. Be sure to visit [here](#) for more information.

Show your commitment to building safety and become a Building Safety Month sponsor by visiting [here](#). View the 2024 Building Safety Month Poster [here](#).

Click [here](#) for to download a blank proclamation:

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### About the International Code Council

The [International Code Council](#) is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.

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### *Proclamation*

#### **Building Safety Month — May 2024**

Whereas our (City, Town, County, State) is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

Whereas our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play, and;

Whereas these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

Whereas Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities’ largely unknown protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

Whereas “Mission Possible,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2024, encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale, and;

Whereas each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Mayor, Supervisor, Commissioner, Governor) of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

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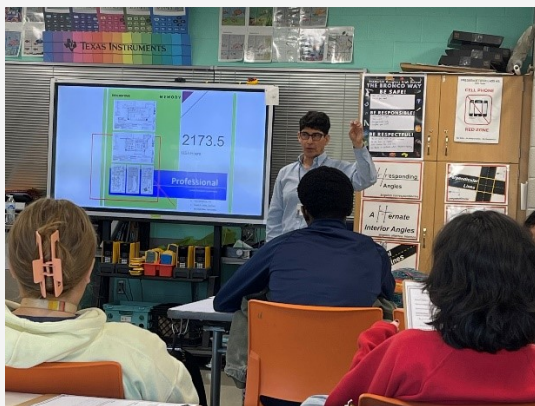
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The Engineering Class at the Fayette County Public Schools Frederick Douglass High School invited Building Inspector Supervisor, Alvaro Polanco to speak on November 28, 2023, to the Engineering Class.

The Engineering Class that Ms. Erica Snow teaches encourages students to pursue either technical or professional studies by inviting community partners, academics, and Individuals who work day-by-day with related class topics.

Mr. Polanco's experience as a University Professor in Architecture and his background in Construction Building Codes, and Construction Building code enforcement were a plus for the class. Even though he is a License Architect from Colombia, and holds a Master's degree in Urban Management, his presentation focused on how to become a Building Inspector or a Plan Reviewer in Kentucky and fill empty seats left by the experienced and knowledgeable generation soon to be retired.

In addition, Mr. Polanco explained different paths to achieve the goal and getting involved in the construction industry or city development and becoming a successful individual.



The students were very interested during the presentation and a lengthy Q&A followed.

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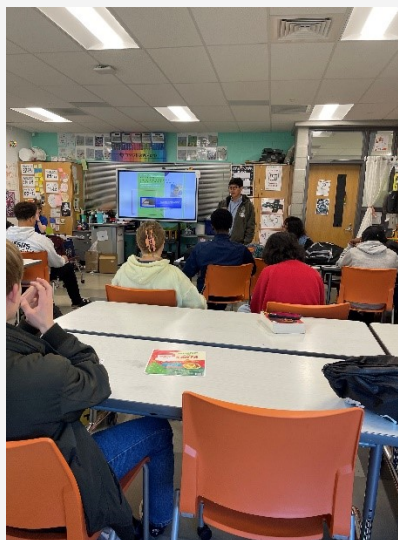
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This year marks the International Code Council's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an international nonprofit dedicated to building safety, affordability and sustainability. With over 100 years of impact through its legacy organizations, the Code Council has driven the development and implementation of the International Codes® (I-Codes) in all 50 U.S. states and many other countries.

Formed on December 9, 1994, by its three legacy organizations and officially consolidated in 2003, the Code Council was created to develop a single set of comprehensive and coordinated model codes. To date, the I-Codes are the most widely used and accepted model codes available to support the built environment, impacting the safety of nearly 2 billion people globally. The I-Codes reference more than 1,600 standards developed by the Code Council and other standards developing organizations.

Since its formation, the Code Council has grown to offer a wide range of solutions to the building safety community. Currently, the Code Council has eleven offices in three different countries and is active in more than 100.

“Over the past 30 years, we have helped communities on a global scale create a safer built environment,” said Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. “We remain committed to serving our members and customers – hundreds of thousands of dedicated building safety professionals who uphold public safety in communities across the world day after day – and we owe a debt of gratitude to them for the building codes and standards we have today.”

To kick off the year-long celebration, the Code Council has launched a [30<sup>th</sup> anniversary website](#) for members and stakeholders to reflect on the past three decades. Featuring an interactive timeline, photo gallery, documentary and digital guestbook, the site spotlights important milestones from the past three decades.

Those interested can get involved in the celebration by sharing what the Code Council and its mission mean to them in the [digital guestbook](#).

Learn about the most recent 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebratory efforts [here](#).

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### LEGISLATIVE WATCH LIST



[HB 527\(BR-140\)](#)(click bill number to view bill details.)

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 198B to define terms; establish licensing for roofing contractors under the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction; prohibit any persons not licensed under this department from holding himself or herself out as a roofing contractor; authorize the department to promulgate administrative regulations; authorize the department to issue a license for roofing contractors; establish fee limitations; establish requirements for applicants; authorize the department to implement disciplinary actions; establish a fine for violations; create the roofing contractors fund; amend KRS 367.620 to conform

[HB 444\(BR-1907\)](#)(click bill number to view bill details.)

Amend KRS 227A.060 to modify experience and education requirements for an electrician or master electrician license; require an electrician applicant or master electrician applicant to have 8,000 hours or 16,000 hours of verifiable experience, respectively, which may be reduced by designated education or teaching; authorize a master electrician or electrician applicant to qualify for licensure through teaching or attending an associate's degree or diploma program at a college within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System or at another accredited college or university; enable a military veteran to meet master electrician or electrician experience requirements through applicable supervised military occupational specialty experience; direct the department of Housing, Buildings and Construction to promulgate administrative regulations to establish an application form to allow submission of military experience; accept either a DD-214 form or a signed statement from the applicant's commanding officer to verify relevant military experience; amend KRS 227A.100 to renew electrician licenses once every two years; allow a licensee to request either a physical or electronic license.

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## LEGISLATIVE WATCH CONTINUED



[HB 472\(BR-1866\)](#)(click bill number to view bill details.)

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 381 to allow the appointment of a receiver for a planned community when it fails to maintain the infrastructure, common area, storm water detention or retention area, or other facility that it is legally obligated to maintain; allow a city to recover funds expended to repair, renovate, maintain, or otherwise bring violations up to code.

[SB 164\(BR-154\)](#)(click bill number to view bill details.)

Create new section of KRS Chapter 198B to allow articulation agreements between licensed proprietary schools and public school districts or state area technology centers to establish academic or training equivalencies needed to obtain licensure; require the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction to recognize and honor the articulation agreements toward licensure in the professions regulated by the department, including electricians, plumbers, and HVAC.

[SB 234\(BR-1550\)/LM](#)(click bill number to view bill details.)

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 100 to define terms related to short-term rentals; make owner-occupied short-term rentals a permitted residential use; permit non-owner-occupied short-term rentals to be subject to a conditional use permit or variance; permit regulation of short-term rentals in certain circumstances if enforcement is in the same manner as other properties; allow planning unit to require permitting for the operation of short-term rentals and enumerate the contents of a permit application, procedures for application, revocation of a permit, benefits of permit, and penalties for operating without a permit when planning unit has adopted a permitting ordinance; state that the Act shall not be construed to affect regulations of a homeowner's association or other similar property owner association; state that any ordinance that conflicts with provisions of the Act is unenforceable; provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Short-Term Rental Regulation Act.



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[SB 368\(BR-2406\)](#) (click bill number to view bill details.)

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 198B to define; require short-term rental platforms to prompt users listing properties through their platforms with information regarding R-1 residential occupancies and a box to check regarding whether the property is an R-1 residential occupancy; require short-term rental platforms to store information regarding properties listed as R-1 residential occupancies and to provide email notifications to the person listing the property and the Department for Housing, Buildings and Construction regarding the property; require the Department for Housing, Buildings and Construction to provide short-term rental platforms with information regarding R-1 residential occupancies and allow the Department to promulgate regulations to.

[HB 296\(BR-1168\)/LM](#) (click bill number to view bill details.)

Amend KRS 198B.050 to exempt temporary structures from building code compliance if erected by or for a state or government agency, city, or municipality



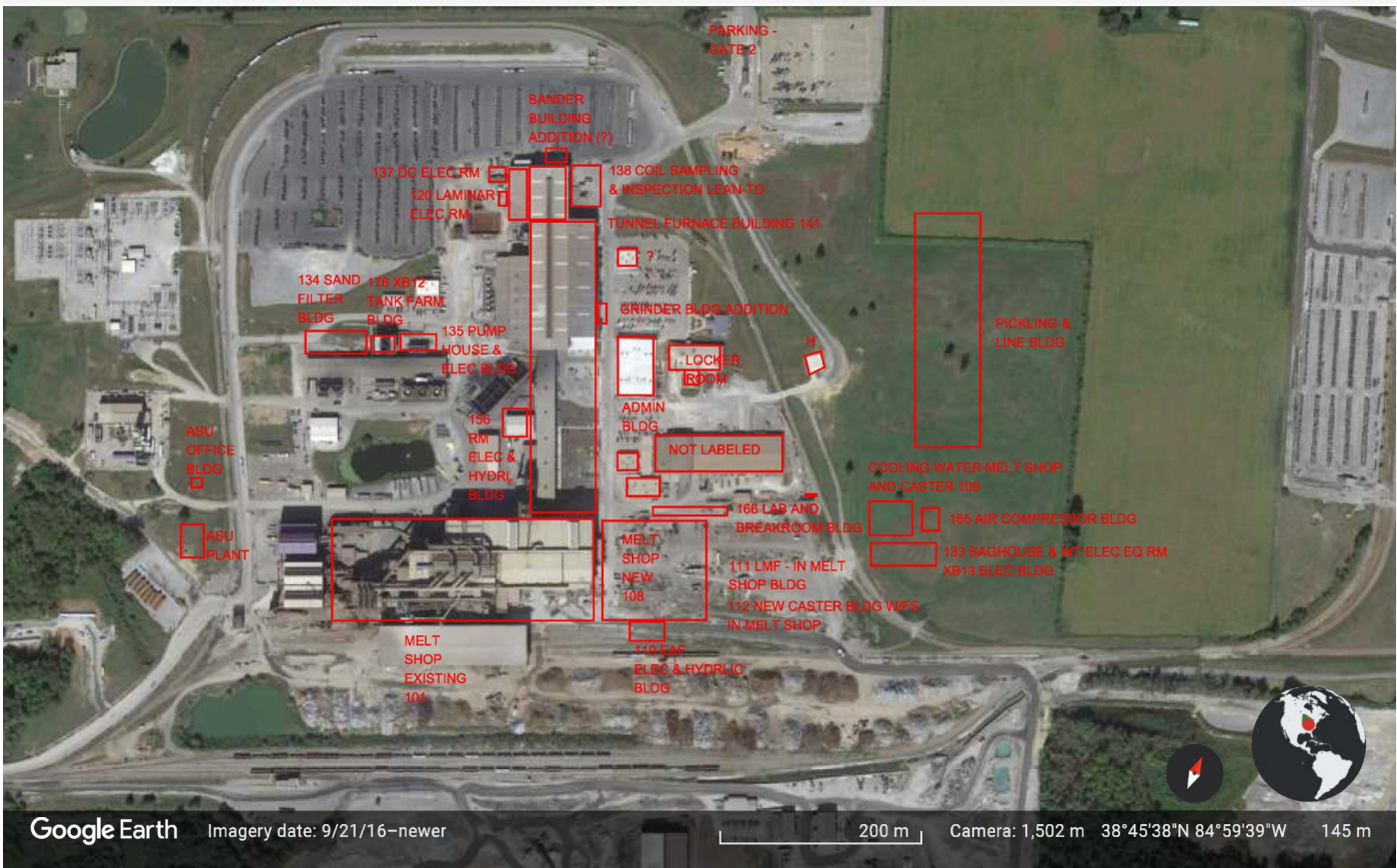
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“Nucor is North America’s most diversified and sustainable steel and steel products company. Our team is forged around a vision for leading our industry by providing unparalleled customer care, building trusted partnerships and creating sustained value. “

Since 2019 The state has issued 32 permits on this site. The projects include site built building to portions of buildings having Kentucky Industrialized Building Systems (KIBS) units. The process of getting it completed has been quite undertaking, from material shortages to contractor issues. Below you will see a map of the facility the current inspector uses to find her way around.



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## 2024 Spring Kentucky Construction Code Forum

April 15-17, 2024 at Kentucky Dam Village Gilbertsville, Kentucky

Once again, CAAK will offer classes on a variety of topics.

Our schedule is:

### Monday, April 15, 2024

#### 8am-9am

Opening Session and Welcome

#### 9am-4pm

2015 IRC/2018 KRC Residential Planning – Part 1 (6Hrs)

Sprinkler System Plan Review – NFSA (6Hrs)

2015 IMC IFGC Combustion Air and Venting (6Hrs)

#### 9am-12pm

2015 Mixed Occupancy (3Hrs)

#### 1pm-4pm

Exterior Wall and Opening Protections (3Hrs)

### Tuesday, April 16, 2024

#### 8am-4pm

2015 IRC/2018 KRC Residential Planning – Part 2 (6Hrs)

2015 IBC Performing Commercial Building Inspections (6Hrs)

Rough and Final Sprinkler Inspections (6Hrs)

New Building Inspector Orientation



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Wednesday, April 17, 2024

### 8am-11am

2015 IEBC Performance Compliance Method (3Hrs)

2015 IRC Alternate Materials and Tested Methods (3Hrs)

Firestop: A Life Safety Issue (FS101), IBC/IFC Code Update (FS301), & Special Inspections (3Hrs)

### Registration

Use the links below to access registration for our Spring Kentucky Construction Code Forum. Online registration is preferred, or you can print the registration form below and return the form and payment to:

**CAAK – Cora Dill  
48 Burney Lane  
Fort Thomas, KY 41075**

If paying by credit card, please use the online registration.

If you have any questions, please contact Cora Dill, [caakky23@gmail.com](mailto:caakky23@gmail.com).

[Online Registration](#)

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### Accommodations

Attendees can receive a special rate on rooms through March 13, 2024. You can reserve online or by calling the lodge at 270-362-4271 (enter 1). **Our Group Code is 4002.**

To make a reservation online, click the button below. Put in the arrival/departure date. Click on Special Rates. Put in Group Code **4002**. Select which accommodation you want to reserve and enter the requested information.



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### Reviving History: Transforming Buildings with the International Existing Building Code

The IEBC encourages the continued use and reuse of existing buildings, including historic buildings, by enabling changes in occupancy and use types without requiring full compliance with building features otherwise required for new construction.

February 26th, 2024 by International Code Council Technical Topics

This month, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) adopted its Policy Statement on Housing and Historic Preservation which supports the International Code Council's International Existing Building Code® (IEBC) as a resource for building conversions. The ACHP Policy Statement follows an October 2023 White House launch of a new guidebook to facilitate commercial to residential conversions to address postpandemic office vacancies.

Created by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the ACHP is an advisory council that works to promote the preservation, enhancement and sustainable use of diverse historic resources in the United States.

“The Code Council welcomes ACHP’s support for the role the IEBC can play in enabling building reuse—including of historic buildings, which present unique challenges,” said Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. “With the increased interest in converting underutilized commercial buildings to residential, it’s imperative that communities, design professionals and developers leverage the IEBC’s flexibilities, which can facilitate their efforts through faster completions and generate cost savings.”

#### Historic Conversions Using the IEBC

Revitalizing historic buildings offers significant advantages to communities, as it preserves their cultural heritage and architectural character. These converted spaces often serve as hubs for economic activity, attracting more businesses, tourists and investors, thus contributing to improved income opportunities.

Additionally, repurposed historic buildings offer versatile and unique spaces that can offer a wide variety of community needs, ranging from housing and commercial use to cultural and recreational venues, enhancing the overall quality of life in the area.

By adhering to the IEBC standards, repurposed historic buildings will undergo necessary upgrades to meet modern safety and accessibility requirements without compromising their original character while minimizing costs and construction timelines. The IEBC fosters sustainable development by reducing the environmental impact associated with new construction while simultaneously revitalizing existing areas.

#### International Existing Building Code

The IEBC plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and functionality of existing structures worldwide. By providing standardized guidelines and regulations, it helps maintain structural integrity, fire safety and accessibility in older buildings.



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### ICC Updates

The March edition of the ICC Government Relations report is available [here](#).

### Highlights include

- World Water Awareness campaign.
- World Plumbing Day on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Group A Committee Action hearings and Leadership Week events next month in Orlando.
- Utah the first state to adopt ICC/MBI Standards 1200 and 1205 for off-site construction.
- ICC and EPA's MOU aimed at decentralized wastewater issues.

Voter validation reminders, the March 15 deadline for ICC Annual Awards and more

The complete link: <https://www.iccsafe.org/advocacy/gr-monthly-update/>

