



**Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter
of the ICC**

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RE: Adoption of the 2024 International Codes

Dear Elected Official,

The Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter of the International Code Council members consist of code officials, inspectors, design professionals, contractors and construction industry representatives throughout Baldwin County and the surrounding area. Our mission is to ensure our communities are building the best code compliant structures in the area. Our members meet on a quarterly basis to have training and discussions on the latest trends and codes being enforced.

Recently, the 2024 International Codes (I-Codes) were made available and our Chapter was able to provide training on the significant changes in the Building and Residential Code. Most jurisdictions within Baldwin County are currently enforcing the 2018 International Codes. During this training, we learned the changes from the 2018 I-Codes to the 2024 I-Codes were minimal. We have also met as a group to determine which parts of the code should be supplemented or amended to fit the needs of our communities. When reviewing the 2024 I-Codes, we also took into consideration the costs associated with the new code changes. We have determined the cost will be very minimal with the amendments suggested for each jurisdiction. In an effort to remain up to date and receive the best Insurance Services Organization (ISO) ratings, code adoptions are necessary every six years. By adoption of the 2024 I-Codes, this helps ensure your community is not only building to the latest codes available, but also receiving the best ISO ratings, which can benefit the end user on insurance ratings.

As President of our Chapter, I am strongly encouraging you to consider adoption of the 2024 I-Codes. Our Chapter is making a strong push to have every jurisdiction in Baldwin County on the same code cycle for the first time ever in our long history of code enforcement. This will not only make it easier for our inspectors and our industry representatives but also the builders permitting and constructing projects within different areas of Baldwin County. We feel this adoption benefits our entire community at minimal cost to our citizens and commercial businesses. Having the entire County on the same code cycle will also set an example to the entire State, working together can be beneficial for everyone in the construction industry.

If you would like to discuss the adoption process, amendments or cost comparisons for the 2024 I-Codes, please contact me directly at 251-968-1149 or email at bfranklin@gulfshoresal.gov.

For the Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter of the ICC,

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