



**2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code
45-Day Code Amendment Proposal Process**

The Building Codes Division is providing notice of the public’s opportunity to submit code amendment proposals for adoption of the *2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC)*.

When does the 45-day period begin? **Aug. 1, 2016.** Proposed code amendments on any matter will be accepted from Aug. 1 through Sept. 14, 2016.

How do I submit a proposal? Interested parties must submit proposals using the [Code Amendment Proposal Application](#). The application includes a list of required criteria for each code amendment proposal. Completed proposals may be emailed to the Code Para-Technical Specialist: BCD.ptsptech@oregon.gov.

You must enter a response to every question on the application.

What should a proposal be based on? Interested parties may submit code amendment proposals based upon any of the following:

- Current residential code (*2014 ORSC*); or
- Statewide alternate method (16-04) using the *2015 International Residential Code (IRC)*; or
- Any other nationally recognized base model code; or
- Any specific proposal the applicant wants to be considered.

The boards will determine which model code is most applicable.

What is the committee process? A board-appointed code proposal review committee reviews each code amendment proposal and then makes recommendations to the *Residential and Manufactured Structures Board* and the *Mechanical Board*. The board then forwards a recommendation to the Building Codes Division. Accepted code proposals will also be forwarded to rulemaking with further opportunity to provide public comment.

Code committee meetings are tentatively scheduled for November 2016. The effective date for the accepted code amendments is Oct. 1, 2017.

How do I stay updated? All code review committee information and materials will be posted on the [2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code Review Committee](#) webpage.

[Sign up](#) to receive notifications for code adoption events.

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