

2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code adoption

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Purpose of the rule:

These proposed rules adopt the 2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC). The 2021 ORSC is based on the 2018 edition of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (IRC), with Oregon specific amendments.

Citation:

Amends: OAR 918-480-005 and 918-480-0010.

These proposed rules become effective April 1, 2021.

History:

The Residential and Manufactured Structures Board selected a code review committee to review the base code, public proposals, Oregon amendments, alternate methods, and code interpretations. The ORSC review committee completed an analysis of the 2018 IRC changes, existing Oregon code amendments, statewide code interpretations, and statewide alternate method rulings. The review committee met three times on Aug. 3, 2020, Aug. 17, 2020, and Aug. 25, 2020, finalizing its recommendations to the board on Aug. 25, 2020. On Oct. 7, 2020, the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board approved the review committee’s recommendation for the 2021 ORSC and recommended that the code be sent to public hearing.

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2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code
Draft changes

918-480-0005

Adopted Oregon Residential Specialty Code

- (1) The Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code, identified in ORS 455.610, will be known as the Oregon Residential Specialty Code.
- (2) The Oregon Residential Specialty Code is adopted pursuant to OAR chapter 918, division 8.
- (3) Effective ~~October~~ **April** 1, ~~2017~~ **2021**, the ~~2017~~ **2021** Oregon Residential Specialty Code consists of the following:
- (a) The ~~2015~~ **2018** edition of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings as published by the International Code Council, Inc., Chapters 1 through 24 and Chapter 44, Appendices E, F, ~~G~~, H, K, R, **and** S, ~~and T~~, and as further amended by the Division. Chapters 25 through 43, and Appendices A, B, C, D, ~~G~~, I, J, L, M, N, O, P, Q, and ~~U-T~~ are not adopted as part of the **2021** Oregon Residential Specialty Code.
- (b) The low-rise plumbing provisions of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code are adopted in the ~~2017~~ **2021** Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code.
- (c) The low-rise electrical provisions of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code are adopted in the ~~2017~~ **2021** Oregon Electrical Specialty Code.
- (d) Low-rise apartment construction provisions of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code are adopted in the ~~2014~~ **2019** Oregon Structural Specialty Code and the ~~2014~~ **2019** Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code.
- (4) Applicability of code changes to pending applications. Code requirements in effect at the time a plan review or permit application is filed controls the construction under the application unless the applicant agrees to be controlled by subsequent changes.
- (5) For the purposes of implementing a phase-in period for the ~~2017~~ **2021** Oregon Residential Specialty Code, the ~~2014~~ **2017** Oregon Residential Specialty Code is adopted for a period of ~~three~~ **six** months beginning ~~October~~ **April** 1, ~~2017~~ **2021** and ending ~~December~~ **September** 31 ~~30~~, ~~2017~~ **2021**.
- (6) During the ~~six~~ **three**-month phase-in period established in subsection (5), all building departments in the state are required to accept plans for low-rise residential dwellings designed to either the ~~2017~~ **2021** Oregon Residential Specialty Code or to the ~~2014~~ **2017** Oregon Residential Specialty Code.
- [Publications: Publications referenced are available for review at the division. See division website for information on purchasing publications.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 455.020, 455.030, 455.110, 455.380 & 455.525

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 455.610

Hist: BCD 11-2017, f. 9-14-17, cert. ef. 10-1-17; BCD 9-2014, f. 9-25-14, cert. ef. 10-1-14; BCD 13-2011, f. 5-13-11, cert. ef. 7-1-11; BCD 5-2008, f. 2-22-08, cert. ef. 4-1-08; BCD 5-2005, f. & cert. ef. 3-28-05; BCD 15-2004, f. 9-10-04, cert. ef. 10-1-04; BCD 33-2002, f. 12-20-02 cert. ef. 4-1-03; BCD 3-2000, f. 1-14-00 cert. ef. 4-1-00; BCD 19-1998, f. 9-30-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98, Renumbered from 918-480-0000; BCD 3-1996, f. 2-2-96, cert. ef. 4-1-96; BCA 10-1993(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 6-11-93; BCA 7-1993, f. 4-28-93, cert. ef. 5-1-93; BCA 3-1993(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 3-3-93; BCA 28-1992(Temp), f. 12-30-92, cert. ef. 1-1-93; BCA 13-1992, f. 6-29-92, cert. ef. 7-1-92; BCA 6-1992, f. 3-24-92, cert. ef. 3-27-92; BCA 4-1992(Temp), f. 3-4-92, cert. ef. 3-5-92; BCA 1-1992, f. & cert. ef. 2-6-91; BCA 32-1991(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 9-30-91 BCA 8-1991, f. 4-10-91, cert. ef. 7-1-91 BCA 30-1990, f. 12-21-90, cert. ef. 1-1-92; BCA 21-1990, f. 8-28-90, cert. ef. 9-24-90; BCA 7-1990(Temp), f. 3-23-90, cert. ef. 4-1-90; BCA 3-1990, f. 1-30-90, cert. ef. 4-1-90; DC 6-1987(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 4-3-87, Renumbered from 814-031-0005; DC 11-1986, f. 6-30-86, cert. ef. 7-1-86

918-480-0010

Amendments to the Oregon Residential Specialty Code

(1) The Oregon Residential Specialty Code is amended pursuant to OAR chapter 918, division 8. Amendments adopted during the code-cycle for inclusion into the Oregon Residential Specialty Code are placed in this rule, showing the section reference and a descriptive caption.

(2) Effective January 24, 2019, until October 1, 2021, the 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code Section R327 is amended for additional wildfire hazard mitigation provisions that are available for local adoption.

(3) Effective October 1, 2020, until October 1, 2021, the 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code Section N1107.4 is amended for solar ready provisions.

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Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 455.020, 455.110 & 455.610

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 455.610

Hist: BCD 20-2020 (Temp), f. 9-30-20, cert. ef. 10-1-20 thru 3-28-21; BCD 1-2019, f. 1-24-19, cert. ef. 1-24-19; BCD 13-2018 (Temp), f. 6-22-18, cert. ef. 6-30-18 thru 12-26-18; BCD 11-2017, f. 9-14-17, cert. ef. 10-1-17; BCD 16-2017 (Temp), f. 12-21-17, cert. ef. 1-1-18 thru 6-29-18; BCD 2-2016, f. 1-28-16, cert. ef. 2-1-16; BCD 3-2015, f. 3-24-15, cert. ef. 4-1-15; BCD 9-2014, f. 9-25-14, cert. ef. 10-1-14; BCD 13-2011, f. 5-13-11, cert. ef. 7-1-11; BCD 11-2011(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 4-15-11 thru 9-30-11; BCD 1-2011, f. & cert. ef. 2-15-11; BCD 19-2010, f. 12-30-10, cert. ef. 1-1-11; BCD 5-2010, f. 5-14-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10; BCD 8-2009, f. 9-30-09, cert. ef. 10-1-09; BCD 1-2009, f. 1-30-09, cert. ef. 2-1-09, BCD 24-2008(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 10-6-08 thru 4-1-09; BCD 21-2008, f. 9-30-08, cert. ef. 10-1-08; BCD 13-2008(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 7-3-08 thru 12-30-08; BCD 5-2008, f. 2-22-08, cert. ef. 4-1-08; BCD 1-2007, f. 2-15-07, cert. ef. 4-1-07; BCD 9-2006, f. 6-30-06, cert. ef. 7-1-06; BCD 5-2005, f. & cert. ef. 3-28-05; BCD 15-2004, f. 9-10-04, cert. ef. 10-1-04; BCD 33-2002, f. 12-20-02 cert. ef. 4-1-03; BCD 1-2003(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 1-10-03 thru 3-31-03; BCD 30-2002, f. 12-6-02, cert. ef. 1-1-03; BCD 22-2002(Temp), f. 9-13-02 cert. ef. 10-1-02 thru 3-29-03; BCD 2-2002, f. 3-5-02, cert. ef. 4-1-02, BCD 3-2001, f. 2-9-01, cert. ef. 3-1-01; BCD 32-2000, f. 12-27-00, cert. ef. 1-1-01; BCD 19-2000(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 8-15-00 thru 2-10-01; BCD 3-2000, f. 1-14-00 cert. ef. 4-1-00; BCD 19-1998, f. 9-30-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98; BCD 3-1998, f. 1-29-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98; BCD 5-1997, f. 3-21-97, cert. ef. 4-1-97; BCD 22-1996(Temp), f. 10-1-96, cert. ef. 10-4-96; BCD 3-1996, f. 2-2-96, cert. ef. 4-1-96; BCD 6-1995, f. 3-31-95, cert. ef. 4-1-95; BCA 29-1993, f. 11-24-93, cert. ef. 12-1-93; BCA 28-1993, f. 10-22-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; BCA 18-1993, f. 8-24-93, cert. ef. 8-29-93