

PREFACE

The purpose of the Standard Plumbing Code is to serve as a comprehensive regulatory document to guide decisions aimed at protecting the public's life, health and welfare in the built environment. This protection is provided through the adoption and enforcement, by state and local governments, of the performance-based provisions contained herein.

The use of performance-based requirements encourages the use of innovative building designs, materials and construction systems while at the same time recognizing the merits of the more traditional materials and systems. This concept promotes maximum flexibility in building design and construction as well as assuring a high degree of life safety.

The Standard Plumbing Code incorporates, by reference, nationally recognized consensus standards for use in judging the performance of materials and systems. This provides for the equal treatment of both innovative and traditional materials and systems, provides for the efficient introduction of new materials into the construction process and assures a high level of consumer protection.

The Standard Plumbing Code is intended to be adopted by reference through statute or ordinance and enforced by state and local governments, governmental agencies or other authorities having jurisdiction. Sample adopting legislation is printed in this document for that purpose. In preparation for adopting this code, the authority having jurisdiction should specifically consider including such items as inspection fees, permit fees and penalties or fines for noncompliance in the adopting legislation since these items vary considerably from one jurisdiction to another and cannot be effectively included in a model code.

The Standard Plumbing Code was first adopted in November, 1955 by a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Building Code Congress International. Revised editions have been published since that time at approximate three-year intervals.

This Standard Plumbing Code is dedicated to the organizations and individuals, including code officials, architects, engineers and industry representatives, who have volunteered their time and knowledge to make this the most comprehensive and up-to-date code available.

Broken vertical bars in the margin indicate Louisiana changes to the 1994 edition of the Standard Plumbing Code.



Stars in the margin indicate Louisiana deletions from the 1994 edition of the Standard Plumbing Code.



The Standard Plumbing Code was adopted November 1955, by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Building Code Congress International. The code has been kept current through revisions and changes officially approved at Annual Research and Education Conferences held at:

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, November 10-13, 1957
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, November 9-13, 1958
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, November 1-4, 1959
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, October 30-November 2, 1960
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, November 5-9, 1961
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, November 11-15, 1962
DALLAS, TEXAS, November 10-14, 1963
MOBILE, ALABAMA, October 25-29, 1964
MIAMI, FLORIDA, November 7-11, 1965
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, November 13-17, 1966
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, November 12-16, 1967
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, October 27-31, 1968
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, November 2-6, 1969
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, November 1-5, 1970
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, October 31-November 4, 1971
HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 29-November 3, 1972
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, October 28-November 2, 1973
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, November 3-7, 1974
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, November 2-6, 1975
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA, November 14-18, 1976
ORLANDO, FLORIDA, October 23-27, 1977
HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 15-19, 1978
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, October 14-18, 1979
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, October 26-30, 1980
ORLANDO, FLORIDA, October 25-29, 1981
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, October 17-21, 1982
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, October 9-13, 1983
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, October 28-November 1, 1984
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, October 27-31, 1985
ORLANDO, FLORIDA, October 19-23, 1986
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, October 25-29, 1987
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, October 23-27, 1988
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, October 22-26, 1989
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, October 1-5, 1990
TAMPA, FLORIDA, October 25-November 2, 1991
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, October 25-29, 1992
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, October 17-21, 1993

THE STANDARD CODES

Standard Amusement Device Code
Standard Building Code
Standard Existing Buildings Code
Standard Fire Prevention Code
Standard Gas Code
Standard Housing Code
Standard Mechanical Code
Standard Plumbing Code
Standard Swimming Pool Code
Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code

CODE-RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Standard for Proscenium Curtains
Standard for Existing High Rise Buildings
Standard for Floodplain Management
Standard for Soil Expansion
Standard for Sound Control
Standard for Textile Wall Covering Test
Standard for Roof Tile Test
Standard for Hurricane Resistant Residential Construction
Standard Building Code Commentary
Standard Gas Code Commentary
Standard Mechanical Code Commentary
Standard Plumbing Code Handbook One and Two
Family Dwelling Code Commentary

EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Building Official Management
Building Principles and Code Applications
Electrical Inspection and Plans Examination
Electrical Principles and Code Applications (Residential)
Fire Protection Principles and Code Applications
Hurricane Resistant Construction
Legal Aspects of Code Administration
Mechanical Principles and Code Applications
One and Two Family Dwelling Inspection
Plumbing Principles and Code Applications
Rehabilitation and Housing Principles and Code Applications
Structural Principles and Code Applications