

## 2021 code development and hearings

### An insider's view

The 2021 I-Codes were recently released, and now it is time to begin work on the 2024 I-Codes.

### What is the ICC?

The International Code Council (ICC) is the organization that develops and releases documents dictating building construction requirements through the International Building Code (IBC), the International Residential Codes (IRC), the International Fire Code (IFC), and a variety of other codes. This was my first opportunity as the DASMA Technical Director to participate in these code hearings.

### Unique 2021 hearings

For the first time, the ICC conducted the code hearings virtually. Considering hundreds of



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people participated and thousands of code proposals were reviewed, the hearings went relatively smooth and had few technical issues.

### DASMA involvement

DASMA members participated in the Group A, Track 1, and Track 2 series of virtual code hearings which ran 10 hours per day, seven days per week from April 11 through May 5. Track A

topics included Fire Safety, Egress, General, and Fire Protection Systems.

There are a number of proposals that DASMA staff helped to develop and/or have been monitoring. Some, covering topics such as storm shelters and fire door drop testing, could impact the way doors are specified, tested, and installed in the future. More information will be communicated through the technical committees in the upcoming months.

### What's next?

The next steps are to review the report of the committee action hearing and all public comments and posts. We must then attend the public comment hearing in Pittsburgh in September 2021. Once Track A is completed, Track B (including chapters and topics on Energy and Structural provisions) will start up in January 2022.

Please continue to submit topic ideas or questions to [dasma@dasma.com](mailto:dasma@dasma.com) or call the DASMA office at (216)-241-7333 for any assistance or additional help. ■


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