

HISTORY & OVERVIEW
OF
ACT 12
OF THE
2005 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
OF THE
LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

1. Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code (LSUCC) – Created in 1992 (Standard Building Code (SBC) – 1991 Edition)
2. International Building Code (IBC) adopted in 2003
3. Last two (2) sessions saw an insurance push to adopt the International Residential Code (IRC) statewide.
4. LSUCC enacted and amended by first extra session of 2005 by Act 12, SB 44, and HB 76. Signed by the Governor on November 29, 2005
5. (9-24) Mandatory enforcement on Jan. 1, 2007 (Maximum Code) (5-1) removes all local code amendments (8-6).
6. (7-9) EMERGENCY PROVISIONS: 11 Parishes Affected – Calcasieu, Cameron, Vermillion, Iberia, St. Tammany, Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Terrebonne, & Lafourche (referenced by the statute).
Requires mandatory enforcement of the emergency provisions for flood and wind of the 2003 Edition of the IBC & IRC **ONLY**.
 - a. (7-27) Dec. 29, 2005 – Jurisdictions with existing code enforcement operations
 - b. (7-29) Feb. 27, 2006 – Jurisdictions without existing code enforcement operations.
7. (3-22) Statute creates the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
8. (6-26) LSUCCC responsible for promulgation of the LSUCC through administrative rule (written rules by the attorney to the Louisiana register & await comments (6-30). The rules become effective without comments. (7-3) The administrative rules are under the over-site of the Senate and House Commerce Committees. (4-2) The LSUCCC is additionally charged to adopt all proposed amendments (except the Louisiana State Plumbing Code), (4-9) after justification, to the LSUCC, register all enforcement personnel, (3-3) provide for education and training for code enforcement personnel, (3-19) (4-5) establish criteria for certification of all code enforcement personnel, and determine qualifications for all third-party providers. (7-7) Provide code changes every three (3) years. All amendments approved by the LSUCCC shall be binding to all local jurisdictions.
9. Mandatory codes adopted by Act 12 effective January 1, 2007
 - a. (8-11) International Building Code (IBC) – Excluding Chapter 27 (Electrical) & 29 (Plumbing) appendices adopted by reference as needed.
 - b. (8-17) International Existing Building Code (IEBC) appendices adopted by reference as needed.

- c. (8-21) International Residential Code (IRC) – Excluding Parts I – Administration, V – Mechanical, VII – Plumbing, & VIII – Electrical, appendices adopted by reference as needed (except Appendix J – Existing Buildings and Structures.
 - d. (9-7) International Mechanical Code (IMC) – Appendices adopted by reference as needed.
 - e. (9-12) Louisiana State Plumbing Code (Part XIV – Plumbing) un-amended by the LSUCCC.
 - f. (9-18) International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) – Appendices Adopted by reference as needed.
 - g. (9-23) National Electrical Code.
 - h. Appendices adoptions are promulgated by the LSUCCC only.
10. Options under the emergency provisions for affected parishes.
 - a. Option 1 – The local jurisdiction can continue to provide the services as required by the statute, or begin establishment procedures for providing the required regulatory services.
 - b. Option 2 – (5-19) The local jurisdiction can contract with an approved third party provider to provide the required services, (5-27) or may establish procedures to allow the contractor to contract with an approved third party provider to provide the required services.
 - c. Option 3 – (8-3) (15-2) The local jurisdiction may request the services of the LSFM to act as a conduit between a third party provider and the local jurisdiction, or (7-22) request that the LSFM assist the local jurisdiction with the establishment of procedures to provide the required services.
 11. Third Party providers, as established under the statute, (6-3) shall provide registration through the LSFM until establishment of the LSUCCC, and shall register with the LSUCCC thereafter (6-9). (5-29) Third Party providers shall be a licensed architect or engineer or be certified by the International Code Council (ICC).
 12. Third Party providers shall provide registration information to the LSFM which shall consist of the name, address, what services they wish to provide, and their credentials.
 13. (6-13) Local jurisdictions that provide code enforcement under the LSUCC have four (4) years to operate under a Certified Building Inspector, then shall staff a Council-Certified Building Official (CBO), or contract with a CBO.
 14. (12-5) (13-1) Certificates of registration, by the LSUCCC, may be issued without certification for (13-17) Building Officials (BO) for a period of three (3) years, (13-13-17) and for Building Inspectors & Plan Reviewers for a period of six (6) months. (13-24) New employees shall be under the direct supervision of a certified employee. (13-21) The provisional requirements for registration shall be applicable to new employees. (14-4) All code enforcement personnel shall register with the LSUCCC. (14-22) Certificates of

registration are valid for a one (1) year period and expires on the last day of the month of issuance.

15. The LSUCCC, by administrative rule, shall establish the criteria for the CBO.
16. (10-30) FEMA NFIP shall be applicable to all residential structures.

Applicable amendments:

Act 11 of the first extra session of 2006

Act 420, 431, 458 and 769 of the regulated session 2006