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Ohio Board of Building Standards

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## PREPARING FOR THE 2002 CODES

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, the new set of codes will be effective. In response to concerns about availability of publications and the long term design process, the board has taken action at its November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to allow for the continued use of the '98 OBBC for a limited time. The following criteria is to be applied when implementing the new code:

- **Applications for approval where the initial submittal is made before January 1, 2002, shall be reviewed in accordance with the '98 OBBC provisions. Any change order or subsequent supplemental submission to the original application is also to be reviewed based on the '98 OBBC provisions.**
- **For applications begun before 1/1/02, if the applicant requests approval for a design or construction element allowed for in the 2002 codes, an adjudication order shall be issued and the decision to approve/disapprove must be made by the applicable appeals board (this is currently typical for dealing with any request for approval of a design area not allowed by the applicable code) .**
- **For plan approval applications initially submitted on or after 1/1/02 and before 7/1/02, the applicant is given the option to design to the '98 OBBC provisions for building, mechanical and plumbing or the 2002 Ohio Building, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes. Applications for design and construction approval are not allowed to mix the two sets of provisions. *UNTIL 6/30/02, EACH APPLICANT SHALL CLEARLY IDENTIFY WHICH CODE THE DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION MEETS.***
- **Approval applications for design or construction initially submitted on or after 7/1/02, shall be reviewed in accordance with the 2002 Ohio Building, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes.**