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The Ohio 2005 Code Update

Important Code Enforcement Information!

Commercial Construction: As of 1 March 2005, the 2002 Ohio Building Code (OBC), 2002 Ohio Mechanical Code (OMC), and 2002 Ohio Plumbing Code (OPC) will be replaced with the 2005 Ohio Building Code (OBC), 2005 Ohio Mechanical Code (OMC), and 2005 Ohio Plumbing Code (OPC). Drawings will be reviewed for designs that comply with the 2005 codes starting on 1 March 2005.

Because the publishers of the updated codes have not met their publishing deadlines, making the updated codes difficult to obtain, the Board of Building Standards has authorized the use of the current codes (the 2002 OBC, 2002 OMC, and the 2002 OPC) as an alternative compliance method. Drawings identified by the applicant as designed to the 2002 Ohio codes can continue to be submitted for review until 1 September 2005 as an alternate compliance method. There is no option to mix the provisions from the two sets of codes. Each set of submitted documents **must be clearly marked** with the set of codes you intend to be used for review; either the 2005 or the 2002 set of codes. After 1 September 2005 the option to use the old 2002 codes will end and documents identified as designed to comply with the 2002 codes will no longer be valid for submission to the local building departments.