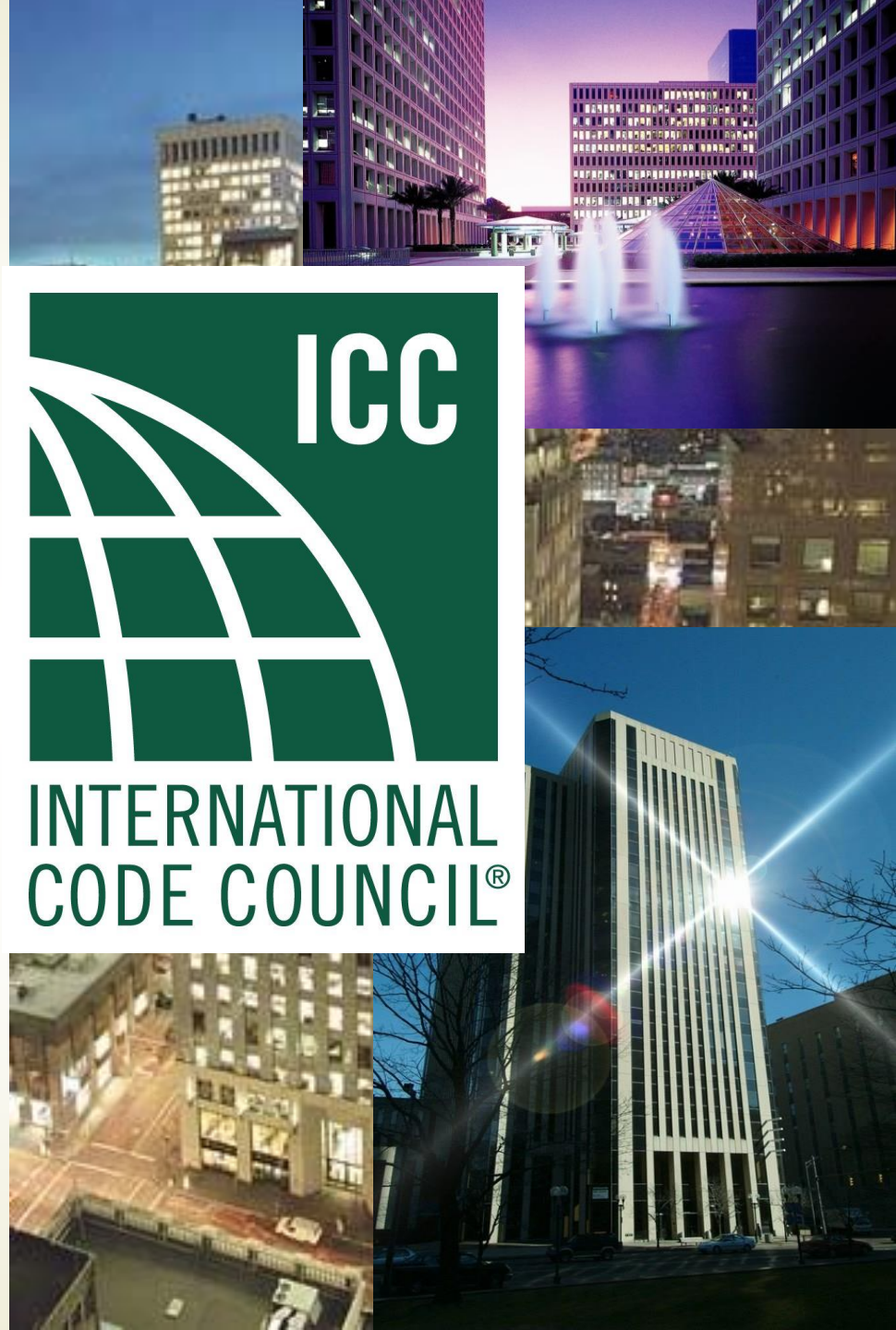


Setting up Your Local Codes Committee





Agenda

- ▶ How the ICC Code Development Process Works
- ▶ How to Establish Your Local Codes Committee
- ▶ Building and Maintaining Relationships with Codes Officials, ICC members
- ▶ Code Development vs. Code Adoption
- ▶ Parting Thoughts

Codes 101

- Model building codes developed through consensus process by the International Codes Council
 - 3-year development cycle for ICC MODEL codes
 - Current cycle will conclude at the end of 2026
 - BOMA International's codes team participates in this process
- States/Jurisdictions adopt model codes locally
 - Local BOMA associations can influence this process!
 - Localities may adopt the entire Model Code, or include/exclude certain appendices



Two Opportunities to Affect Change

Codes Advocacy



During Development of Codes

During Adoption of Codes




ICC Voting Protocol

- Recent Changes: Remote Voting Now Permitted at ICC Hearings
- Who can vote?
 - All ICC Designated Voting Officials – i.e. Building Code Officials, Fire Marshalls, Health Officials, Zoning Officials
- What does this mean for BOMA?
 - BOMA will need to ensure that ICC's voting members understand the issues at hand and understand the potential impact of the issues on commercial real estate
 - To do this effectively, we need to build relationships with ICC voting members
 - An active grassroots will be our key to success!



Establishing a Strong Local Codes Voice

Our Ask:

- Create a Codes Committee or expand the goals of your GR Committee to include codes advocacy
 - Create and maintain active participation in codes advocacy from your membership
 - Increase the name recognition of BOMA before codes development bodies and local codes officials
 - Influence development of building codes at the national level, and implementation of building codes at the state/local level
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Methods



- Keep it simple
- Set reasonable (and achievable) goals
- Clearly state and communicate these goals to your local members
- Build on your successes
- Communicate your successes (as well as incremental progress)
 - Utilize social media, share across your Local BOMA LinkedIn
- BOMA International will help provide the tools!



Key Steps: Codes Committee

Establish Codes Committee (or expand scope of GA Committee)

- ▶ Carefully select your committee chairs and members
- ▶ Draft policy positions
- ▶ Monitor codes & standards activities at the state & local level
- ▶ Represent BOMA by attending and participating in public hearings, building department meetings, code official association meetings, etc.



Key Steps: Codes Committee

Outreach to decision makers

- Develop a contact list of relevant code officials, starting with the 'Chief' officials and working down from there
- Reach out to officials to start relationship building
- Add officials to your mailing lists to receive BOMA updates
- Invite personnel to be Interested Parties (non-voting) members of the committee
- You should have a track record of communication before requesting them to take certain action



Key Steps: Advocating During Development of Model Building Code

- ICC accepts public comments through the [cdpAccess System](#)
- Code Officials have up to two weeks after the live vote to cast their vote remotely
- The new method of remote voting permits a much larger number of officials to vote on proposals
- BOMA-supported voting recommendations will be crucial



Key Steps: Advocating During Development of Model Building Code

- ▶ Partner with other local building associations (AIA, NAHB, National Multifamily Housing Council) to
 - ▶ Align priorities and collaborate whenever possible
 - ▶ Jointly offer information on code change proposals of concern
 - ▶ Use the time to solicit information from local officials about what their current concerns are and how BOMA + other strategic partners can help to develop better codes
- ▶ More information on the [ICC Code Development Process is available here](#)



Advocating During State/Local Adoption of Building Code

- ▶ After the code has been developed, voted on, and published, state and local jurisdictions still adopt the code
- ▶ This process almost always involves amendments to alter the code to the jurisdiction's liking
- ▶ This is the 'second shot' at affecting what building owners & managers will need to comply with

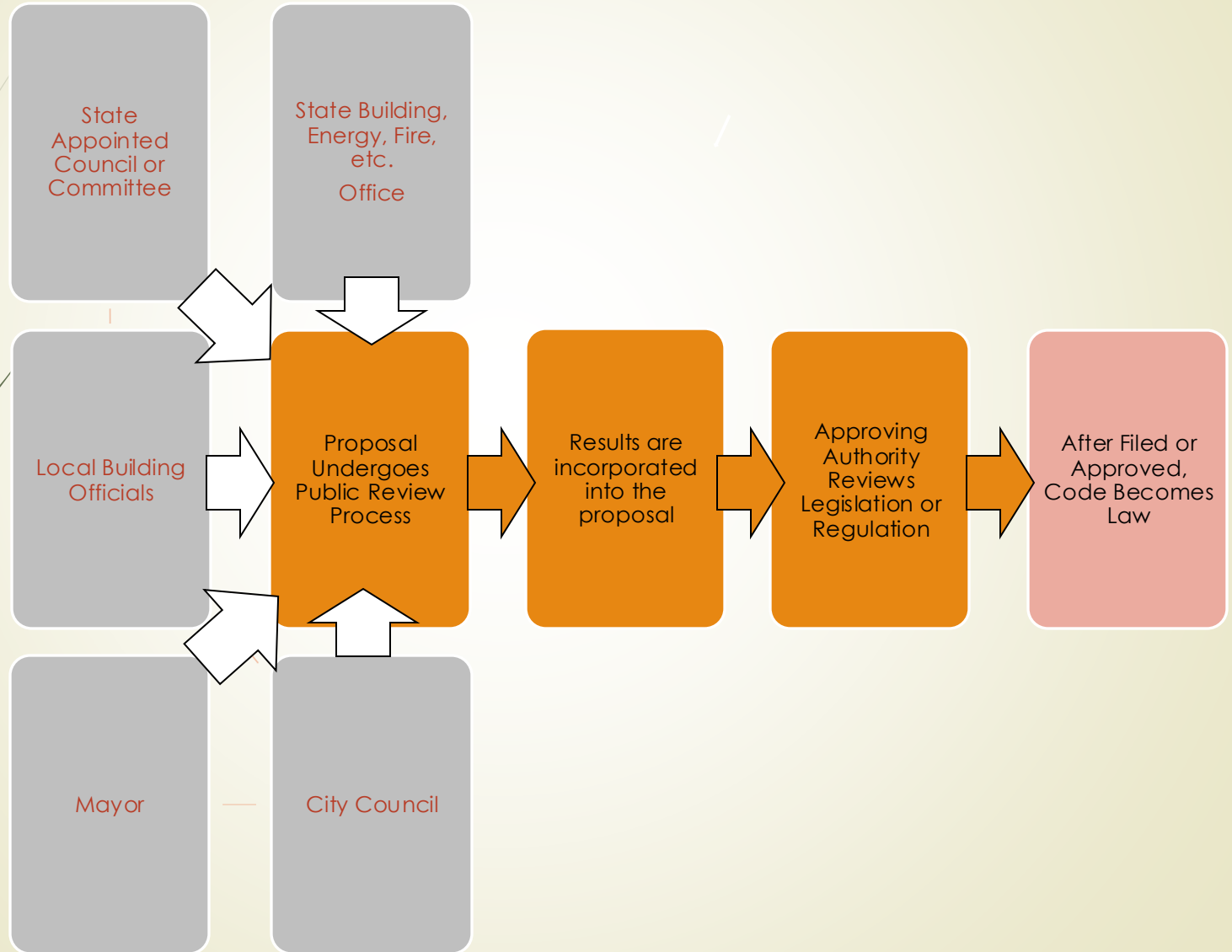


Advocating During State/Local Adoption of Building Code

Code Adoption Can occur at the state or local level in one of two ways:

- Directly through legislative action (state level)
- By regulatory action through state or local agencies
- [Click here for the ICC's interactive code adoption map](#)

Adoption Process





Parting Thoughts

- ▶ You're never "done" with advocacy. It's an ongoing process, and people will rotate in and out of your sphere of influence as issues change and people in government move on
- ▶ Building relationships and a structure to stay in touch with important government leaders (elected and non-elected) is what's important, as is constantly nurturing that relationship
- ▶ BOMA International will provide the tools to help you manage this process and put a solid codes advocacy program in place
- ▶ Together, we can make this process work for all BOMA members