

Setting Up Your Local Codes Committee

Agenda

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01 How to Establish Your Local Codes Committee

02 How the ICC Code Development Process Works

03 Building and Maintaining Relationships with Code Officials, ICC members

04 Code Adoption at the State/Local Level

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Establishing A Codes Presence

ESTABLISHING A STRONG LOCAL CODES VOICE

1. Create a Codes Committee or expand the goals of your GR Committee to include codes advocacy
2. Create and maintain active participation in codes advocacy from your membership
3. Increase the name recognition of BOMA before code development bodies and local code officials
4. Influence development of building codes at the national level and adoption of building codes at the state/local level

Key Steps: Your Local Codes Committee

ESTABLISH CODES COMMITTEE (OR EXPAND SCOPE OF GA COMMITTEE)

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

Methods

ESTABLISHING A STRONG LOCAL CODES VOICE

- 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!

Two Opportunities to Affect Change

CODES ADVOCACY

01

During Development of Codes

02

During Adoption of Codes

The Model Code Development Process

FOUNDATIONS

Model building codes are developed through the International Code Council's consensus-based process

- 3-year development cycle for ICC model codes
- 2027 cycle just concluded
- 2030 cycle will begin in 2027
- BOMA International’s codes team participates in this process

States/Jurisdictions adopt model codes

- Local BOMA associations can influence this process!
- Localities may adopt the entire model code, or include/exclude certain appendices

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

MODEL CODE DEVELOPMENT

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 learn 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]

Key Steps: Building & Maintaining Relationships

OUTREACH TO DECISION MAKERS

- Develop a contact list of relevant code officials, and reach out to start relationship building
- Invite code and building officials to your committee meetings
- Add officials to your mailing lists to receive BOMA updates
- You should have a track record of communication before requesting them to take certain action

Advocating During State/Local Adoption of Building Code

STATE / LOCAL ADOPTION

- After the code has been developed, voted on, and published, state and local jurisdictions still must 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

STATE / LOCAL ADOPTION

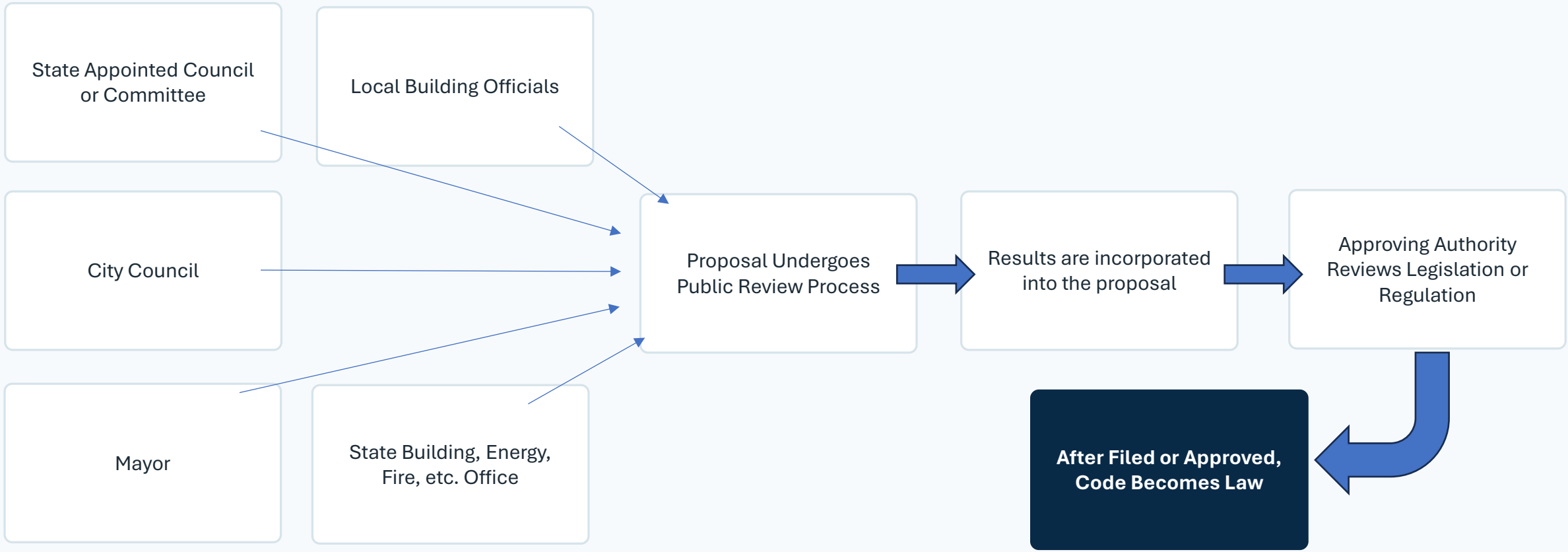
Code Adoption Can occur at the state or local level in one of two ways:

Directly through legislative action (state level)

By regulatory action through state or local agencies

Adoption Process

STATE / LOCAL ADOPTION



Parting Thoughts

SETTING UP YOUR LOCAL CODES COMMITTEE

- 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