

Ladies and Gentlemen –

The amendment package for the *Eighth Edition of the Code* is now available at the *State House Bookstore*.

One (1) copy of the amendment package will be mailed to each municipal building department early next week. Municipalities will also receive one (1) copy of the *International Existing Buildings Code* (IEBC). The IEBC's will be distributed in the same manner that you received your complimentary copy of the *International Building Code* (IBC) and *International Residential Code* (IRC). Your state building inspector will contact you soon regarding distribution of the IEBC.

For your convenience, the eighth edition amendment package will also be posted on the DPS web site next week @ [www.mass.gov/dps](http://www.mass.gov/dps). However, this will be the only electronic form of the amendment package. The amendment package will not be available in electronic format through the *State House Bookstore*.

A four (4) hour training titled *An Introduction to the Eighth Edition of the Massachusetts Building Code* will be offered through this office to building and fire service personnel beginning in October and running through November. Registration forms will be forwarded shortly.

You may want to post the following information in your department and/or website for information to the general public regarding the release of the new code.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Rob Anderson, DPS Chief of Inspections – Building

## ***Public Notice***

The new, *Eighth Edition of the Massachusetts Commercial Building Code* is comprised of the following **2009 International Code Council (ICC)** documents along with Massachusetts amendments:

- *International Building Code (IBC)*,
- *International Existing Buildings Code (IEBC)*,
- *International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)*

Each of these documents has been modified to some extent by the Massachusetts amendment process. The amendments to the eighth edition of the code are now available at the *State House Bookstore* and may be purchased by accessing information at the following link <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/spr/sprcat/agencies/780.htm>.

An unofficial version of the amendment package is also posted on the Department of Public Safety (DPS) website @ [www.mass.gov/dps](http://www.mass.gov/dps).

All international codes may be purchased through the *International Code Council* by accessing information at the following website

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Store/Pages/Category.aspx?cat=ICCSafe&category=330&parentcategory=Store%20Products>

The main ICC website is simply [iccsafe.org](http://iccsafe.org).

The eighth edition of the code went into effect on August 6, 2010. A code user may choose to use the provisions of either the seventh or eighth edition of the code (without mixing provisions) until February 6, 2011 when the new code will be in full effect and the seventh edition will be retired. Code users who choose to design using provisions of the seventh edition ***must file a building permit application for the project on or before the February 6<sup>th</sup> date.***

Applications filed after this date will be expected to comply with provisions of the eighth edition.

Also, reference is made in the IBC to the *International Mechanical Code (IMC)* and *International Fire Code (IFC)*. Therefore, for those who wish to have a complete set, the entire code is comprised of the:

- *International Building Code (IBC)*,
- *International Existing Buildings Code (IEBC)*,
- *International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)*,
- *International Mechanical Code (IMC)*,
- *International Fire Code (IFC)*, and
- Massachusetts amendment package.