

PUBLIC NOTICE – Changes to the PA Building Codes

As the result of PA Act 36 of 2017, **Effective October 1, 2018**, the PA UCC (Uniform Construction Code) changes! This law adopts the 2015 Building Codes as the new minimum construction standards.

Significant changes between the 2009 code & the 2015 code include: Wind Speed (115MPH); Sunrooms (Thermal Isolation – 5 categories); Townhouse Separations; Glazing (at stairs, doors, wet surfaces); Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarms; Footings/Foundation Anchorage & Drainage; Retaining Walls; Decks; Pan Flashing; Adhered Masonry Veneer; Siding; Roofing; Flashing; Energy (insulation, air leakage, lighting); Solar Systems; Dryer Exhaust Ducts; Mechanical Ventilation; Water Heaters; GFCI's & Bonding. (Many other code changes exist that are not specifically listed here.)

Any applications received on or after 10/01/18 will be reviewed, approved and inspected under the 2015 Codes*. Complete applications received prior to 10/01/18 will be reviewed, approved and inspected under the 2009 codes.

The current permit guidance documents are based on the 2009 codes. These guidance documents will be updated to the 2015 codes as time allows. For specific questions, please email Duane A. Dellecker ddellecker@uppermac.org or Rod White at rodwhite@uppermac.org

*If a design professional contract (engineer/architect) is executed prior to 10/01/18, the 2009 codes will apply to complete applications received prior to 4/01/19. (A copy of this contract must be presented at time of permit application.)