



LAKE HAVASU CITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

◆ BUILDING ◆ CODE ENFORCEMENT ◆ PLANNING AND ZONING ◆

2024 International Building Codes: Implementation Process

The 2024 International Building Codes (I-Codes) and the 2023 National Electrical Code **will be in effect beginning February 1, 2026**. The proposed implementation process for existing construction permit applications and new applications is as follows:

- The new 2024 Codes will take effect February 1, 2026. The changes apply to applications submitted on or after February 1, 2026. It does not affect permits for projects already submitted, in review, or under construction.
- Lake Havasu City will accept applications for projects designed to the 2024 Codes prior to February 1, 2026, if the applicant chooses to use the new Codes and local amendments. Lake Havasu City will handle early requests through an alternate design request.
- Standard Plans approved under the 2018 code **will remain valid** until August 1, 2026. (180 days from the new code effective date)
- Standard Plans approved under the 2018 Codes may be updated to the 2024 Codes at any time if the homebuilder identifies the changes necessary to comply with the 2024 Codes. Full plan sets will **NOT** be required. Builders will be able to submit an updated cover sheet for each of their currently approved 2018 Standard Plans along with an index, notes, and details identifying items that are being modified to comply with the 2024 Codes. Engineered Standard Plans shall be submitted with a letter from the engineer indicating the current design meets or exceeds the provisions of the 2024 Codes. Truss calculations will need to be submitted showing compliance with the 2024 Codes.
- Custom Home Plans submitted on or after February 1, 2026, will need to comply with the 2024 Codes. The differences between the 2018 and 2024 Codes are minor and should not impose a delay.
- Commercial and Residential projects currently under design using the 2018 Codes will be allowed for projects submitted up to 90 days (May 1, 2026) after the effective date of the new codes. This will prevent submittal delays and increased costs due to redesigning for the 2024 Code.
- Permits approved under the 2018 Codes that expire (no work within 180 days after issuance) will need to be updated to the 2024 Codes prior to being reissued.

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