



Colorado Chapter Legislative Principles

Summary

To better serve the membership of the Colorado Chapter, a series of clear principles were developed and established to guide the legislative input, communication, and function of the legislative committee. These principles are meant to act as signposts to members and leadership of the chapter to note when to take up a position for or against legislation. This list is not exhaustive, and the complexity of legislative issues will demand future scrutiny and flexibility in the application of these principles.

Principles

To serve its mission and members, the Colorado Chapter of the ICC:

- Supports adoption of building and other related codes at the local level (rather than statewide), including addition of local amendments needed to safeguard public health and safety by regulating building construction, structural strength, sanitation, light, ventilation and energy conservation.
- Supports policies that would increase participation in the International Code Council and Colorado Chapter of the ICC, as well as brother and sister organizations that support professional development.
- Supports state policies focused on providing funding, training and support to local governments to adopt and administer updated codes.
- Supports local flexibility and professional discretion of code officials to best exercise good judgement and fiduciary responsibility to the communities they serve.
- Supports policies and programs that improve mitigation and adaptation to climate change through codes that promote energy efficiency and fit the needs of individual Colorado communities.
- Supports protection of public health and safety through adoption of robust, science-based wildfire hazard mitigation codes.
- Supports legislation that enables access to a greater variety of compliance tools and mechanisms for county code enforcement staff.
- Supports policies that increase affordability of housing and businesses while not abridging basic safety and health standards enumerated in the text and intent of the international codes.