



*Alabama Energy and
Residential Codes Board*

The 2015 Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Adoption Package is intended to provide a resource to assist local governments in adopting and implementing local codes consistent with those adopted at the state level by the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board, and to reduce the administrative burden associated with complying with Alabama State Law (§41-23-80 through 85, *Code of Alabama 1975*). The Adoption Package includes the following:

1. Four draft ordinances:
 - Ordinance to adopt the 2015 Alabama Residential Energy Code by reference
 - Ordinance to adopt the 2015 Alabama Residential Building Code by reference
 - Ordinance to adopt the 2015 Alabama Commercial Energy Code by reference
 - Ordinance to adopt the full 2015 Alabama Energy and Residential Code by reference
2. Draft press release for use by local governments upon adoption of these codes; additionally, these should be sent to Heather Goggin with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Energy Division for concurrent release by ADECA.
3. Link to Website for Tools to Come: adeca.alabama.gov/energycodes

The AERC Board is happy to help with questions and concerns about the 2015 Alabama Energy and Residential Codes, as well as to work with local governments to make the adoption and transition process as simple as possible for municipal officials, code officials, builders, contractors, and anyone else involved. Board representatives are available to speak with mayors, city councils, county commissions, code officials or others, and to discuss the changes to the mandatory statewide energy codes.

Local governments adopting the 2015 Alabama Energy and Residential Codes will have access to additional technical assistance and resources being developed to help ensure consistency throughout Alabama.

For assistance, please contact Heather Goggin, ADECA Energy Division, codes.board@adeca.alabama.gov or 334-242-5330.

SAMPLE ORDINANCE - RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CODE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE CODES ADOPTED BY
THE ALABAMA ENERGY AND RESIDENTIAL CODES BOARD
ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance, of the City of [MUNICIPALITY], adopting the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes, as amended and adopted by the Alabama Energy and Residential Code Board.

The City Council of [MUNICIPALITY] does ordain as follows:

Section 1. For the purposes of regulating the energy-efficient building envelopes and installation of energy-efficient mechanical, lighting and power systems in residential structures, the City Council does hereby adopt by reference the codes adopted by, including all amendments, Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board, as set forth in §305-2-4-.07 and §305-2-4-.10 of the Alabama Administrative Code.

Section 2. That Ordinance No. _____ of the [MUNICIPALITY] and all other ordinances and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4. That the City will comply with the standards as set out by the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board.

Section 5. That this law and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted by this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect [TIME PERIOD] from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

***SAMPLE ORDINANCE - RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE**

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE CODES ADOPTED BY
THE ALABAMA ENERGY AND RESIDENTIAL CODES BOARD
ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance, of the City of [MUNICIPALITY], adopting the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes, as amended and adopted by the Alabama Energy and Residential Code Board.

The City Council of [MUNICIPALITY] does ordain as follows:

Section 1. For the purposes of regulating the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, location, removal and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with separate means of egress, the City Council does hereby adopt by reference the codes adopted, including all amendments, by the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board, as set forth in §305-2-4-.07 and §305-2-4-.09 of the Alabama Administrative Code.

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SAMPLE ORDINANCE - COMMERCIAL ENERGY CODE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE CODES ADOPTED BY
THE ALABAMA ENERGY AND RESIDENTIAL CODES BOARD
ORDINANCE NO. _____

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The City Council of [MUNICIPALITY] does ordain as follows:

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***SAMPLE ORDINANCE - FULL ALABAMA ENERGY & RESIDENTIAL CODE**

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE CODES ADOPTED BY
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Section 6. That the City will comply with the standards as set out by the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board.

Section 7. That this law and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted by this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect [TIME PERIOD] from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

Sample Draft News Release

(City/Town name) Adopts Statewide Standards for Energy Efficiency and Safety in Homes

CITY/TOWN NAME— The city/town of (**municipality's name here**) today adopted the statewide standards for energy efficiency in residential buildings.

The (**council or board name here**) adopted the state's 2015 Alabama Residential Energy Code. The codes are based on the widely recognized 2015 International Energy Conservation Code and set standards for new construction and substantial renovations. The 2015 Alabama Residential Energy Code will take effect on October 1, 2016, and offers consistent and uniform standards for safety, durability, and energy efficiency for homeowners and provides a set standard for homebuilders across the state to follow.

"Quote from a local official about adopting the codes will go here," (local official's name and title) said.

The statewide codes are adopted and maintained by the 17-member Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board, which meets periodically during the year to address issues and concerns related to the state commercial and residential energy codes and the residential building code. Board members come from a variety of groups with a stake in residential and commercial construction and energy, including utilities, city governments, state boards, construction firms and insurance companies.

"The statewide residential energy code ensures that every new home built in Alabama will continue to be both comfortable and affordable long after the purchase by incorporating smart energy use as a standard," Board Chairman Shon Richey said. "We commend the city/town of (**municipality's name here**) for taking the steps to adopt the statewide residential energy code and enforce this internationally recognized standard."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs provides administrative support for the board, and the department's Energy Division supplies technical advice and guidance regarding the portions of the codes related to energy efficiency. The board relies on the expertise of its members from the homebuilding industry for other issues related to the residential building code including health and safety.

Sample Draft News Release

(City/Town name) Adopts Statewide Standards for Safety and Durability in Residential Building

CITY/TOWN NAME— The city/town of (municipality's name here) today adopted the statewide building standards for residential buildings.

The (council or board name here) adopted the state's 2015 Alabama Residential Building Code. The codes are based on the widely recognized 2015 International Residential Code and set standards for new construction and substantial renovations. The 2015 Alabama Residential Building Code will take effect on October 1, 2016. The 2015 Alabama Residential Building Code will take effect on October 1, 2016, and offers consistent and uniform standards for safety, durability, and energy efficiency for homeowners and provides a set standard for homebuilders across the state to follow.

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“The statewide residential building code ensures that every new home built in Alabama will be affordable and built to the same strict standard that every Alabamian deserves when making their dream of homeownership come true,” Board Chairman Shon Richey said. “We commend the city/town of (municipality's name here) for taking the steps to adopt the statewide residential building code and enforce this internationally recognized standard.”

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs provides administrative support for the board, and the department's Energy Division supplies technical advice and guidance regarding the portions of the codes related to energy efficiency. The board relies on the expertise of its members from the homebuilding industry for other issues related to the residential building code including health and safety.

Sample Draft News Release

(City/Town name) Adopts Statewide Standards for Energy Efficiency and Safety in Commercial Buildings

CITY/TOWN NAME— The city/town of (municipality's name here) today adopted the statewide standards for energy efficiency in commercial buildings.

The (council or board name here) adopted the state's 2015 Alabama Commercial Energy Code, which is based on the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code, including the ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2013. The 2015 Alabama Commercial Energy Code took effect on January 1, 2016. The commercial code offers consistent and uniform statewide standards for safety and energy efficiency in commercial buildings and provide a set standard for builders across the state to follow.

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"With the adoption of the statewide commercial energy code, the AERC Board has sought ensure that every new commercial structure will be built to be safe and efficient. We commend (CITY/TOWN) for taking the steps to adopt the statewide code and enforce these internationally recognized standards," AERC Board Chairman Shon Richey said.

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