

# Adopting a Fire Code

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## What is this Program About

- Review necessary steps in code adoption
- Provide tools for successful fire code adoptions
- Develop code compliance with MBC
- Discuss available resources to the AHJ

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Why are you here?

## What Code are You on?

- NFPA
- ICC
- BOCA
- Are you up to date?



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## What Limits Code Adoption?



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## Laws and Standards

- Public Acts, 54, 230, 207
- Adopted Fire Codes
- Statewide Construction Standards
- Who is responsible for automatic fire sprinkler systems?



## Reasonable and Prudent

- No safety is not acceptable
- Total safety is not preferred, practical, or affordable if possible at all
- Increasing opposition to government regulations
- Technology alone can not solve the problems of society
- Politics

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## Competitive Edge

- What are the big issues when people move their home?
  - Schools
  - Public Safety
- When we work, it is expected to be great!

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# Why Don't You Update?



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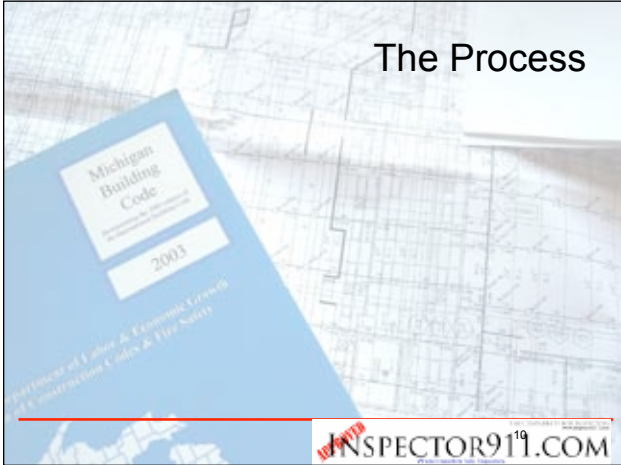
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# The Process



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# What Is the Need?

Where do we Start?



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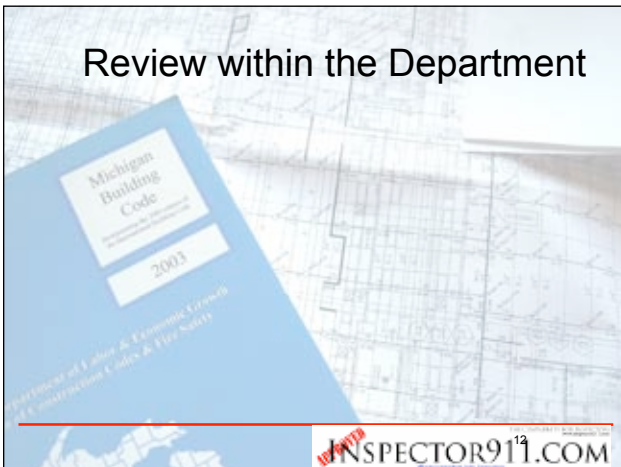
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# Review within the Department



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## Politics



Three-horse team pulling a fire truck in full stride Washington, DC 1814

## Drafting the Ordinance

- Utilization of Existing Ordinance
- Available Resources

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## Regional Ordinances

- Working with Area Departments

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## Internal Review

- Review of ordinance with
  - all inspection staff,
  - Chief of Department
- Ensure Items match department needs (Apparatus, threads, etc)

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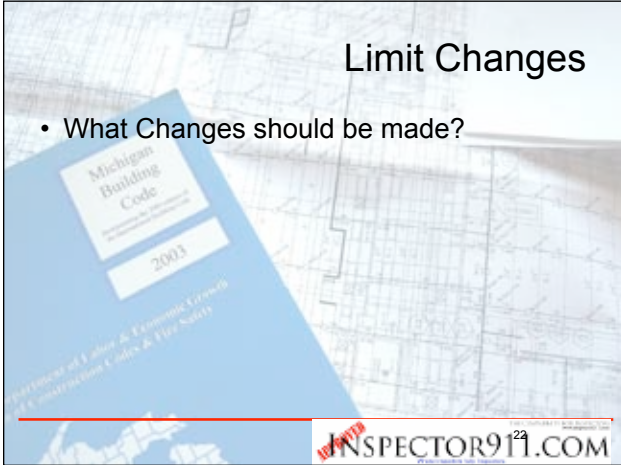
## Review with Partners



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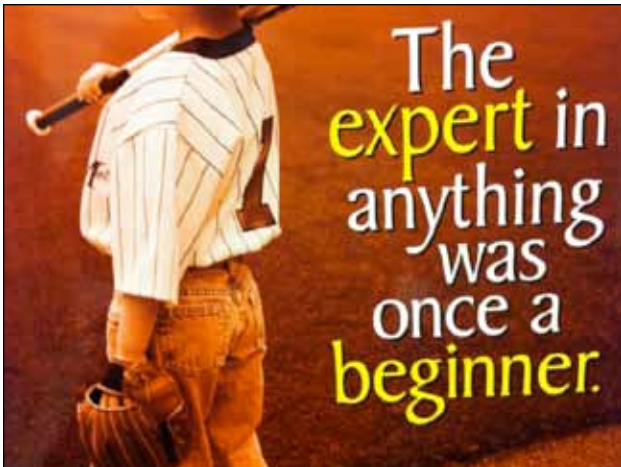
## Limit Changes

- What Changes should be made?



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The expert in anything was once a beginner.



## The Legal Review

IF YOU DO THE THINGS YOU NEED TO DO  
WHEN YOU NEED TO DO THEM

WHEN SOMEDA

YOU CAN DO THE THINGS YOU WANT TO DO  
WHEN YOU WANT TO DO THEM

## The Board Meeting

- One Reading
- Two Readings
- When will the vote occur?

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## Open Review

- How about open comment?
- Can the public submit changes?
- Who reviews the changes?

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## Resources for Inspectors

- Inspector911.com, the home for inspectors

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## Resources

- USFA, Hot Coffee
- Firehouse.com
- ICC Code
- NFPA

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