

Bills Passed by the Texas Legislature

The following bills were passed by the Texas legislature. These rules will affect the City of Cleburne as well as other municipalities. If you have any questions regarding these laws please contact Willie Stevenson, Building Official, at 817-556-8801.

Senate Bill 365: 2000 International Residential Code (IRC)

Requires every municipality to adopt the International Residential Building Code (IRC) as the uniform building code for residential structures in Texas by January 1, 2002. The City of Cleburne adopted the IRC as of December 11, 2001, which became effective January 1, 2002. We will continue to use the 1997 Uniform Building Code for commercial and industrial structures.

House Bill 217: 2000 International Plumbing Code

Requires every municipality to adopt either the Uniform Plumbing Code or the International Plumbing Code for the State of Texas. The City of Cleburne previously adopted and is currently under the 2000 International Plumbing Code. No Change.

Senate Bill 5: International Energy Conservation Code

Requires every municipality within Johnson County as well as other counties in Texas for all residential, commercial, and industrial structures. City must adopt by September 1, 2002.

Senate Bill 509: Asbestos Survey

No building permit can be issued for remodeling or demolition of a commercial or public structure until an asbestos survey is on file. The survey must be done by a licensed asbestos surveyor, an engineer, or architect. Please provide a copy of the required asbestos survey to the Building Inspection Department. Effective January 1, 2002

Senate Bill 484: ADA Requirement

Any new commercial/industrial construction or remodeling of an existing commercial/industrial building where the cost of work exceeds \$50,000 must submit the construction plans to the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation of American Disabilities Act (ADA) for approval. Please provide verification that plans have been submitted with a copy of the submittal application & check stub.

Senate Bill 1458: Building Codes

Provides that:

The International Building Code is adopted as the municipal building code in Texas for commercial and multi-family construction

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A city that has adopted a more stringent commercial building code before January 1, 2006 is not required to repeal that code and may adopt future editions of that code

The National Electric Code applies to all commercial buildings in a city for which construction begins on or after January 1, 2006, and to any alterations, remodeling, enlargement, or repair of those commercial buildings