

New Construction Codes



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In November 2005 the Louisiana Legislature passed legislation enacting a statewide building code for all new construction and renovations to existing structures. In addition to establishing the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCC), the legislation required the emergency adoption and enforcement of wind and flood mitigation requirements in the eleven most severely hurricane-impacted parishes. The other parishes are required to implement and enforce the code beginning January 1, 2007. In municipalities that have not established building inspection processes, the law permits a contractor to hire a certified independent inspector—a licensed architect, engineer, or third party provider—to verify new code compliance.

Camps and farm buildings will not be required to comply with the new code as long as an affidavit is filed declaring that the structure is not built in compliance with the code standards. Buildings not in the eleven severely hurricane-impacted parishes for which building permits were issued prior to January 1, 2007 may be exempt from the code.

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