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### **St. Louis County Adopts UPC, Provisions of Two Other Uniform Codes**

**St. Louis (June 19, 2019)** — Residents of Missouri’s most populous county will continue to be protected by the provisions of three Uniform Codes developed by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO): the 2015 *Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC®)*, 2015 *Uniform Solar Energy and Hydronics Code (USEHC®)*, and 2015 *Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code (USPSHTC®)*.

The St. Louis County Council, at its June 4 meeting, voted unanimously to approve adoption of the 2015 edition of the *UPC* in its entirety, as well as the plumbing and drainage system related requirements of the 2015 *USEHC* and *USPSHTC*. St. Louis County has been using the 2009 *UPC* since its adoption in November 2010 and has utilized the *UPC* as its plumbing code since 1998. The *USEHC* and *USPSHTC* are new to the county.

The 2015 Uniform Codes will govern the design, installation, and maintenance of plumbing and drainage systems throughout St. Louis County and protect the health and safety of the nearly 1 million people who reside there.

The *UPC* was introduced in Los Angeles in 1928 and formally published as the *Uniform Plumbing Code* in 1945. The *USEHC* and *USPSHTC* debuted in 1976. These codes are developed using IAPMO’s consensus development procedures accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). This process brings together volunteers representing a variety of viewpoints and interests to achieve consensus on construction practices. Developed and subsequently republished at the conclusion of each three-year code cycle, the Uniform Codes are designed to provide consumers with safely functioning systems while, at the same time, allowing latitude for innovation and new technologies.

Founded in Los Angeles in 1926, IAPMO has grown to be recognized the world over for its Uniform Codes. With offices in 12 U.S. states and 13 countries, IAPMO has assisted with code development all over the world, and provisions from its *Uniform Plumbing Code®* protect people from the United States and Virgin Islands to India and Indonesia. For more information, visit [www.iapmo.org](http://www.iapmo.org).

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