

Advocacy & Legislative Issues - COHBA Regulatory Tracker

Statewide Code Adoption, Agency Rulemaking & Municipal Regulatory Changes

Regulatory Update	Status	Key Dates	Summary / Impact on Builders
2023 NEC – Statewide Electrical Code	Fully Implemented	- Effective: Sept 14, 2024 - Exam transition: Dec 14, 2024	All electrical work must follow the 2023 NEC . Builders should ensure subcontractors’ work and inspections align with the updated code.
2025 Oklahoma Plumbing Code Updates	Pending (Effective Date TBD)	- Mid-2025: Industry notifications - Effective date: TBD	Expected revisions for water efficiency, allowed materials, and backflow protection. Builders should monitor OUBCC announcements and prepare for specification updates.
OUBCC Adoption of 2024 I-Codes (IBC, IRC, IFC, IEBC, IFGC, IMC, IPC)	In Rulemaking	- Rulemaking opened: Nov 4, 2025 - NOIR: Dec 1, 2025 - Public hearing: Jan 13, 2026 - Alt hearing: Jan 20, 2026 - Final adoption: TBD	Oklahoma is moving toward adopting the 2024 I-Codes , which will become the next statewide baseline. Major updates will affect residential, commercial, mechanical, plumbing, and fire standards.
OUBCC Chapter 17 – Education & Training Rules	Emergency Rules Filed; Permanent Rules Developing	- Emergency rules filed: Oct 24, 2025 - Permanent rulemaking starts: Nov 4, 2025 - Public hearings: Jan 13, 2026 - Effective date: TBD	Updates statewide training and CE requirements for inspectors and trades. Connects directly to HB 2085’s shift of training authority to OUBCC.
Oklahoma City – Development Code & Zoning Rewrite	Active (Phase 2 – Development)	- Drafts presented: Aug 14, 2025 - Public review: 2025-2026 - Final adoption: TBD	Comprehensive overhaul of OKC’s zoning and development standards. Substantial changes expected for ADUs, mixed-use, parking, landscaping, site design, and infill development.
City of Norman - Park Impact Fee Under Review	Under Review	Presented in Finance Committee: Nov 20, 2025	The City of Norman's finance committee discussed the possibility of increasing the current \$75 fee to a cent/sq ft format. They presented a .35/sq ft fee which would take a \$75 park impact fee to \$700 for a 2,000 sq ft home. The committee was hesitant on raising impact fees on residential construction and wanted to look at matching Midwest City and OKC’s guest room tax or possible commercial impact fee.

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Effective - Builders must comply now
Pending - Adopted or expected, awaiting activation
In Rulemaking - Drafting, public comment, hearings
Not Yet Effective/ Awaiting Action