



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

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To: Parish Presidents, Mayors, and Building Code Enforcement Departments

From: Henry Fry, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of the State Fire Marshal

RE: Emergency Provisions of Act 12 (SB 44)

On November 29, 2005, Governor Kathleen Blanco signed Act 12 of the 2005 1st Extraordinary Session, requiring mandatory statewide enforcement of the State Uniform Construction Code. The Act contains emergency wind and flood provisions within the parishes of: Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, and Vermillion. Those provisions require the enforcement of the wind and flood requirements of the 2003 International Building Code (IBC) and the 2003 International Residential Code (IRC).

The affected parishes and municipalities are given a choice of one of three methods to provide enforcement of the emergency code provisions of Act 12:

1. Continue or establish a method of plan review and inspections (Local governments may contract with any other local government.), or
2. Contract with third-party providers, registered with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety to provide review and inspection services, or
3. Contract with the State Fire Marshal to provide review and inspection services.

Act 12 requires local governments currently enforcing building codes to enforce the emergency wind and flood provisions by December 29, 2005.

If a local government is not currently enforcing building codes, the jurisdiction is required to enforce the emergency wind and flood provisions by February 27, 2006.

Please respond to this office by December 19, 2005 (via fax & US mail) to indicate which enforcement method your jurisdiction intends to use: #1, #2; or #3. Time is essential, and a form is attached to facilitate your response. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have questions, please contact one of the following individuals:

Mark Roberts, Building Official (Mark.Roberts@dps.la.gov) or
Don Zeringue, Chief Architect (Don.Zeringue@dps.la.gov)

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