

2018 IECC Code Adoption Implementation Plan for Fort Morgan, Colorado

1. Code adoption through City Council Process
2. Training for code officials, designers, contractors as follows:
 - a. Either prior to final adoption or immediately after will be a training on how the code works, what paths of compliance are available, documentation required and how to read it all.
 - b. The second training would focus on the popular tools used to verify compliance with the codes: COMcheck and REScheck. This again could take place prior to or immediately after adoption.
 - c. The builders have requested a training on residential mechanical ventilation strategies to show options available and how to avoid problems.
 - d. The final training in this series would be building science basics, showing how the air and moisture get into the building and the details required to keep the building tight. Since Fort Morgan is exempting out blower door tests it will be essential to show that the builders, designers, and code officials have received this training to show that they will build tight even without the blower door tests in order to meet the new legislation that says that you cannot roll the energy code back in stringency. Fort Morgan may have amended out the blower door, but they will still require that the building be constructed tight.
3. An annual training plan is implemented to address more and more sections of the code on a stepped approach basis. This would allow the jurisdiction to focus on a few items at a time to gain understanding and compliance and then move to the next items. A stepped approach is recommended as follows:
 - a. Year two of adoption: focus training on Manual J, S and D to ensure proper equipment and duct sizing.
 - b. Year two also includes commercial building thermal envelope training
 - c. Year Three: focus on commercial mechanical and lighting systems