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2022 Chicago Energy Transformation Code

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Learning Objectives

1. Understand the organization and intent of the 2022 *Chicago Energy Transformation Code*.
2. Understand key changes from the 2019 *Chicago Energy Transformation Code* due to changes in the 2021 *International Energy Conservation Code* (model code) and local amendments.
3. Determine and document a project's compliance with the 2022 *Chicago Energy Transformation Code* for permitting.
4. Find additional energy code resources.
5. Apply Chicago-specific provisions of the 2022 *Chicago Energy Transformation Code* to a project.



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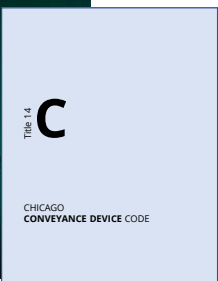


Chicago's Commitment on Energy and Climate

<p>Chicago Construction Codes 2019</p> <p>CHICAGO ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE</p>	<p>Climate Crisis Resolution</p>	<p>Green Recovery Agenda</p>	<p>2022 CAP CHICAGO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN</p>	<p>Developing an Equitable Building Decarbonization Strategy for Chicago: Interim Report of the Chicago Building Decarbonization Working Group</p>	<p>Chicago Construction Codes 2022</p> <p>CHICAGO ENERGY TRANSFORMATION CODE</p>
<p>2019 Energy Code eff. June 1, 2019</p>	<p>Climate Crisis Resolution February 2020</p>	<p>Green Recovery Agenda April 2021</p>	<p>2022 Climate Action Plan April 2022</p>	<p>Decarbonizing Chicago's Buildings Report October 2022</p>	<p>2022 Energy Code eff. Nov. 1, 2022</p>




Implementing Chicago's Climate Commitment Through Construction Codes


Electrical Code
September 2017

Conveyance Device Code
March 2018

Phase 1
2017-18




Phase 2
April 2019



Interim Mechanical Amendments
September 2021

Phase 3A
2021



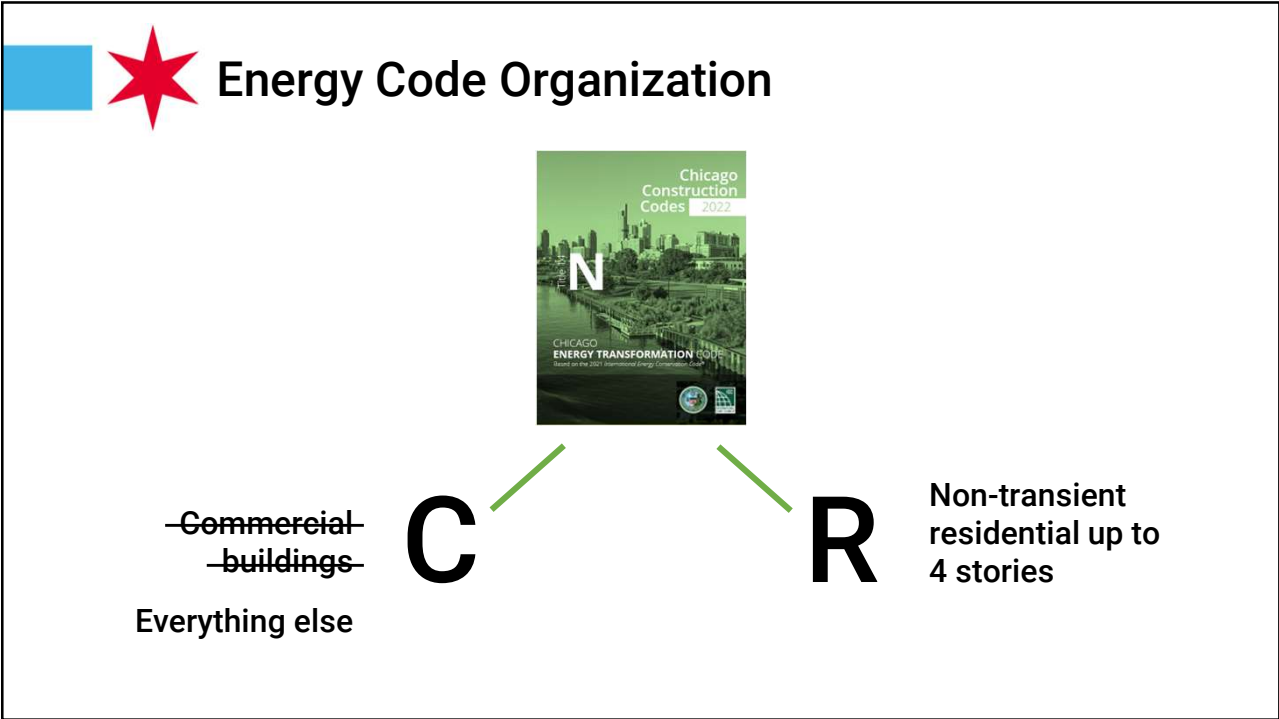
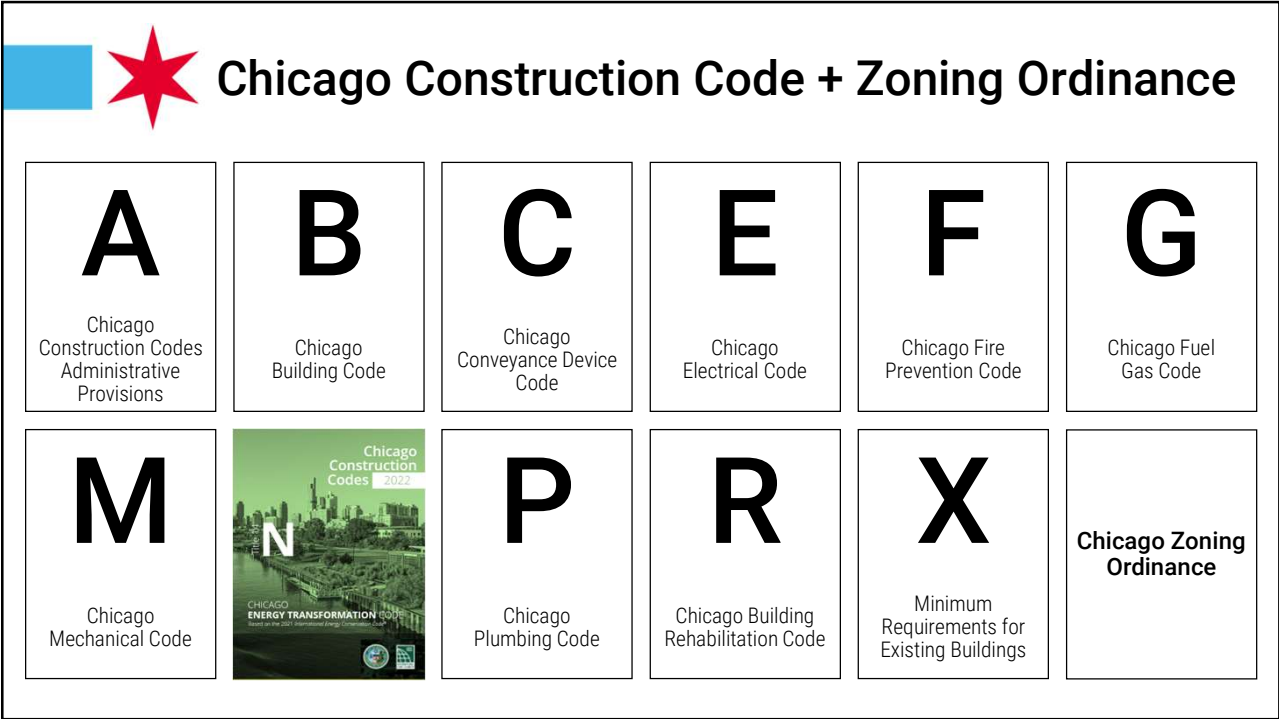
Energy Code
Mechanical Code


Phase 3B
2022-2023



Overview


- 1.** Code organization and intent
- 3.** How to determine and document compliance
- 2.** Key code changes from 2021 IECC and local amendments
- 4.** Additional resources






Energy Code Organization

Everything else	C	R	Non-transient residential up to 4 stories
C1 Scope and Purpose		R1 Scope and Purpose	
C2 Definitions		R2 Definitions	
C3 General Requirements		R3 General Requirements	
C4 Commercial Energy Efficiency		R4 Residential Energy Efficiency	
C5 Existing Buildings		R5 Existing Buildings	
C6 Chicago-specific Requirements		R6 Chicago-specific Requirements	
C7 Referenced Standards		R7 Referenced Standards	




Energy Code Intent

The intent of this code is to regulate the design and construction of *commercial/residential buildings* for the effective use and conservation of energy over the useful life of each *building* and for the reduction of carbon emissions caused by use and occupancy of *buildings* built and renovated under this code. This code is intended to provide flexibility to allow the use of innovative and cost-effective approaches and techniques to achieve these objectives. This code is not intended to abridge safety, health or environmental requirements contained in other applicable codes or ordinances.






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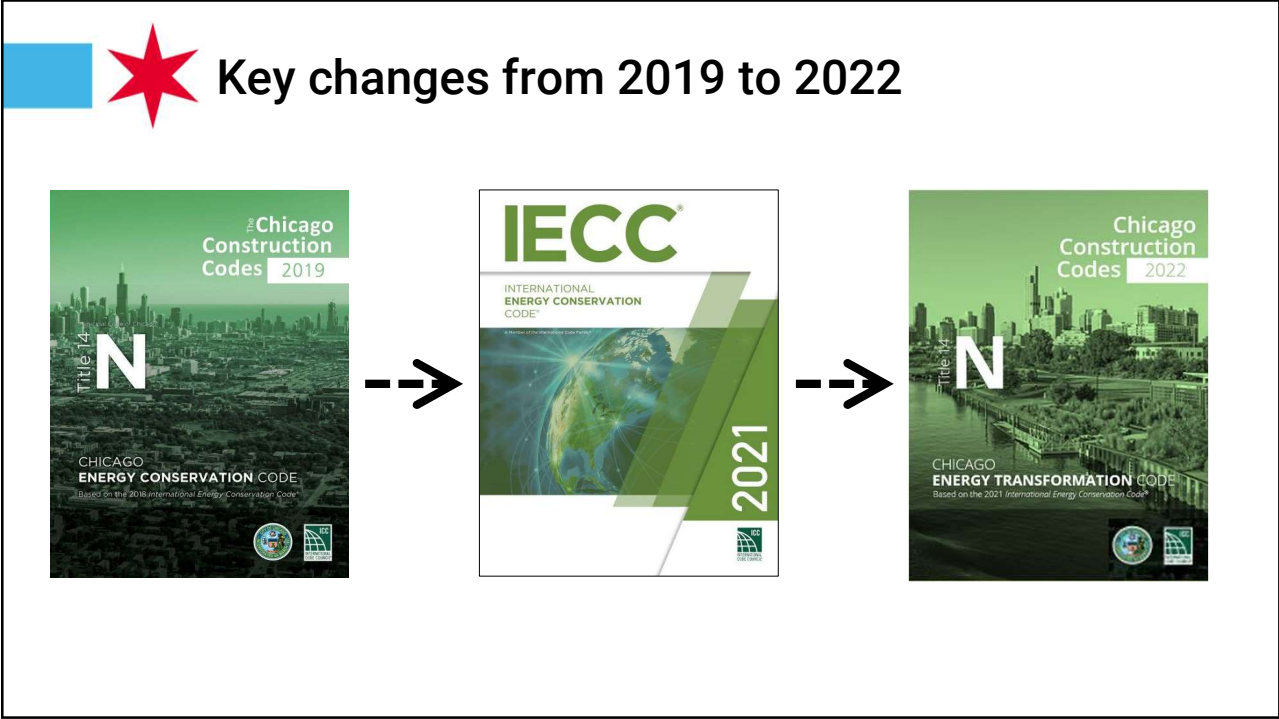
What is Energy Transformation?


Energy Efficiency + **Clean Energy** = **Energy Transformation**

-  • **Save energy first** with more efficient building envelope and building systems.
-  • **Prepare for a clean energy transition** by requiring new buildings with gas appliances to have infrastructure for future electrification.
-  • **Make future solar easier** by requiring new buildings with large flat roofs to be structurally reinforced for future solar panels.

Existing Buildings (Chapter 5)




- Repairs cannot decrease compliance
- For alterations:
 - New elements must comply
 - Existing elements, not being touched, don't need to be upgraded
- For additions: 3 options
- Change in use that increases use of electricity or fossil fuel, creates new conditioned space, or creates or expands a dwelling unit




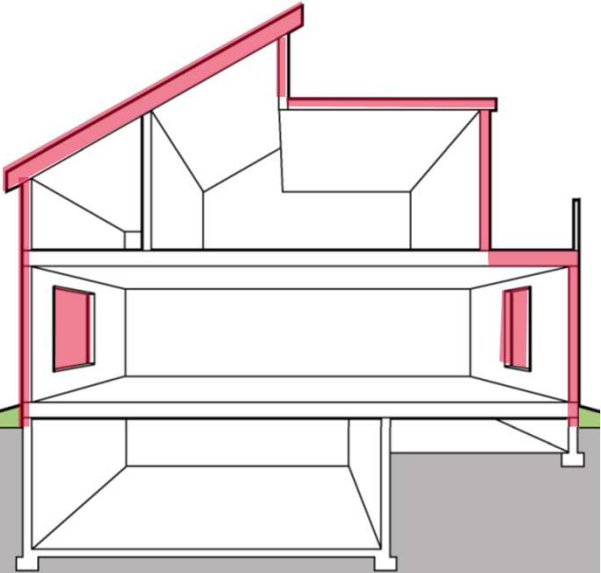
 **Key Changes in the 2021 IECC®**

Residential Building Envelope



- Increased insulation requirements and reduced fenestration U-factors and solar heat gain coefficients (SHGCs)
- Revised air leakage requirements
- Revised duct testing requirements



 **Residential Building Envelope**






- Fenestration U-factor: no change
- Skylights U-factor: no change
- Glazing SHGC: NR → 0.40
- Wood frame ceiling/roof: R49 → R60
- Wood frame wall
 - R20 → R30
 - R13 + 5ci → R20 + 5ci / R13 + 10ci / 20ci
- Mass wall: no change
- Floor: no change
- Bsmnt/crawl wall: R19 / 15ci / R13 + 5ci
- Slab edge: 2ft → 4ft

  **Key Changes in the 2021 IECC®**

Residential Mechanical Systems

- Clarification on duct location and insulation requirements
- Removed exception for duct testing in conditioned spaces
- New mechanical ventilation system testing requirements



  **Key Changes in the 2021 IECC®**

Residential Electrical Power and Lighting Systems

- All permanent lighting must be high-efficacy (up from 90%)
- Most interior lights require dimmer or occupant sensor, with exceptions for bathrooms, hallways, stairs
- Exterior lighting requirements for multifamily buildings must comply with commercial requirements





  **Key Changes in the 2021 IECC®**

Residential ERI Compliance Alternative


- ERI values have been lowered. (Reduces allowed energy usage)
- 5 percent energy reduction





  **Key Changes in the 2021 IECC®**

Residential “Additional Efficiency” Required


- New requirement for additional efficiency measures in residential buildings
- Pick two of five options:
 - Enhanced envelope performance
 - More efficient HVAC equipment performance
 - Reduced energy used in service water heating
 - More efficient duct distribution system
 - Improved air sealing for ventilation system





  **Local Amendments: Residential**

Effective 11/1/22


- Incorporate state amendments:
 - Phius 2021 alternative compliance path
- Adopt additional Chicago provisions:
 - NGBS 2020 (gold or emerald) as alternative compliance path
 - Prohibit new gas lighting
- Differences from Illinois proposals:
 - Reroofing (same language from 2018)
 - Masonry wall insulation (language from 2017 memo)
 - Illinois-specific whole-house ventilation
 - Envelope requirements for cold-formed steel based on 2024 proposals from AISC





  **Local Amendments – Energy Transformation**

Effective 1/1/23




- Adopt additional Chicago provisions:
 - New residences with individual gas-fired appliances must be built with electrical capacity and wiring for future electrification
 - Solar-ready zone for residential exceeding 3 stories and 7,500 ft² ground-level footprint
 - Enhanced thermal break requirements for most parapets and exterior balconies



  **Key Changes in the 2021 IECC®**

Commercial Building Envelope (prescriptive)

- Increased insulation requirements and reduced fenestration U-factors and solar heat gain coefficients (SHGCs)
- Expanded requirements for envelope air leakage testing and verification
- New provisions for operable openings: interlocking and mandatory controls




  **Key Changes in the 2021 IECC®**

Commercial Mechanical Systems (prescriptive)

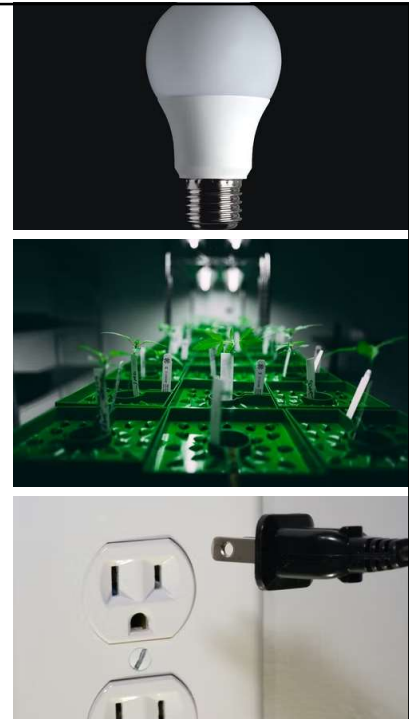
- Updated equipment efficiency requirements
- Refinement of energy recovery ventilation (ERV) system requirements
- Updated fan efficiency metric





  **Key Changes in the 2021 IECC®**

Commercial Electrical Power and Lighting Systems (prescriptive)

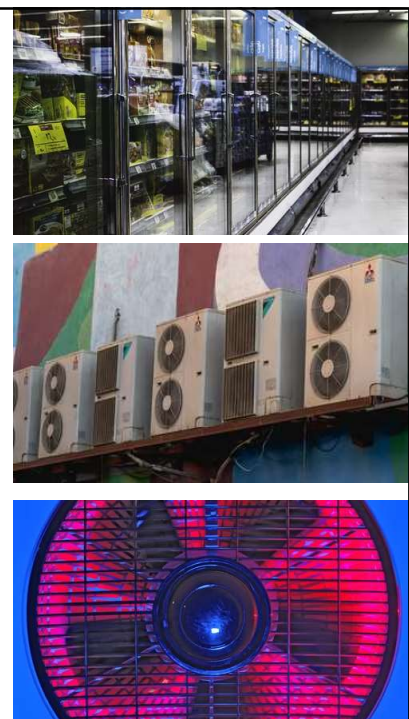
- Increased lighting efficacy and decreased lighting power density requirements
- New provisions for plant growth lighting
- New provisions for automatic receptacle control (*aligned with ASHRAE*)
- New provisions for energy metering and monitoring (*aligned with ASHRAE*)





  **Key Changes in the 2021 IECC®**

Commercial “Additional Efficiency” Options


- Increased number of “additional efficiency” options allowed to meet code
- Reorganized section C406 for clarity





  **Local Amendments - Commercial**

- Incorporate state amendments:
 - Fenestration orientation
 - Lighting for plant growth and maintenance
 - Incentivize grid-integrated controls
- Adopt additional Chicago provisions:
 - Recognize Phius 2021 and NGBS 2020 (gold or emerald) as alternative compliance paths
 - Prohibit new gas lighting
- Modified for Chicago
 - Low-slope reroofing (same language from 2018)
 - Masonry wall insulation (language from 2017 memo)
 - Envelope requirements for cold-formed steel


Effective 11/1/22




  **Local Amendments – Energy Transformation**

- Adopt additional Chicago provisions:
 - New residences with individual gas-fired appliances must be built with electrical capacity and wiring for future electrification
 - Solar-ready zone for flat roofs on buildings up to 60 feet high, exception for buildings with footprint less than 7,500 ft²
 - Enhanced thermal break requirements for most parapets and exterior balconies

Effective 1/1/23







Determining and Documenting Compliance


Today

- Form 408 (PDFs)
- ResCheck (2021 IECC)
+ Chicago Requirements
- ComCheck (2021 IECC)
+ Chicago Requirements

Coming Soon!

- Interactive Compliance Form (replaces Form 408)
- ResCheck (2022 CETC)
- ComCheck (2022 CETC)



Determining and Documenting Compliance

Chicago.gov/energycode

Compliance Methods (Residential)

The residential provisions of the *Chicago Energy Transformation Code* apply to Group R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5 occupancies with no more than four stories above grade plane. Residential projects must demonstrate compliance with the code using one of the following methods:

REScheck compliance certificate (2021 IECC)

Use the U.S. Department of Energy's **REScheck software** to demonstrate compliance with the 2021 *International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)*. The professional who completes the Compliance Statement is responsible for ensuring that the project meets additional requirements of the *Chicago Energy Transformation Code* that are not reflected in REScheck.

Upload to ProjectDox


- Construction documents that include all information required by Section 14A-4-411.3.13 of the *Chicago Construction Codes Administrative Provisions*
- Completed 2022 Chicago Energy Transformation Code Compliance Statement
- Compliance certificate generated from REScheck for IECC 2021

During and After Construction

- Build the project in accordance with the approved construction documents and the *Chicago Construction Codes*.
- Perform testing as required by Sections R402.4.1.2 (building envelope) and R403.3.5 (ducts), as applicable.
- Install an Energy Code Compliance Data Certificate as required by Section R401.3.

REScheck compliance certificate (2022 CETC)

CETC Prescriptive Path



Resources

Chicago.gov/energycode

- Summary of compliance methods
- Summary of CETC-specific requirements

Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC)

- smartenergy.Illinois.edu

US Department of Energy

- energycodes.gov
- basc.pnnl.gov (Building America Solutions Center)

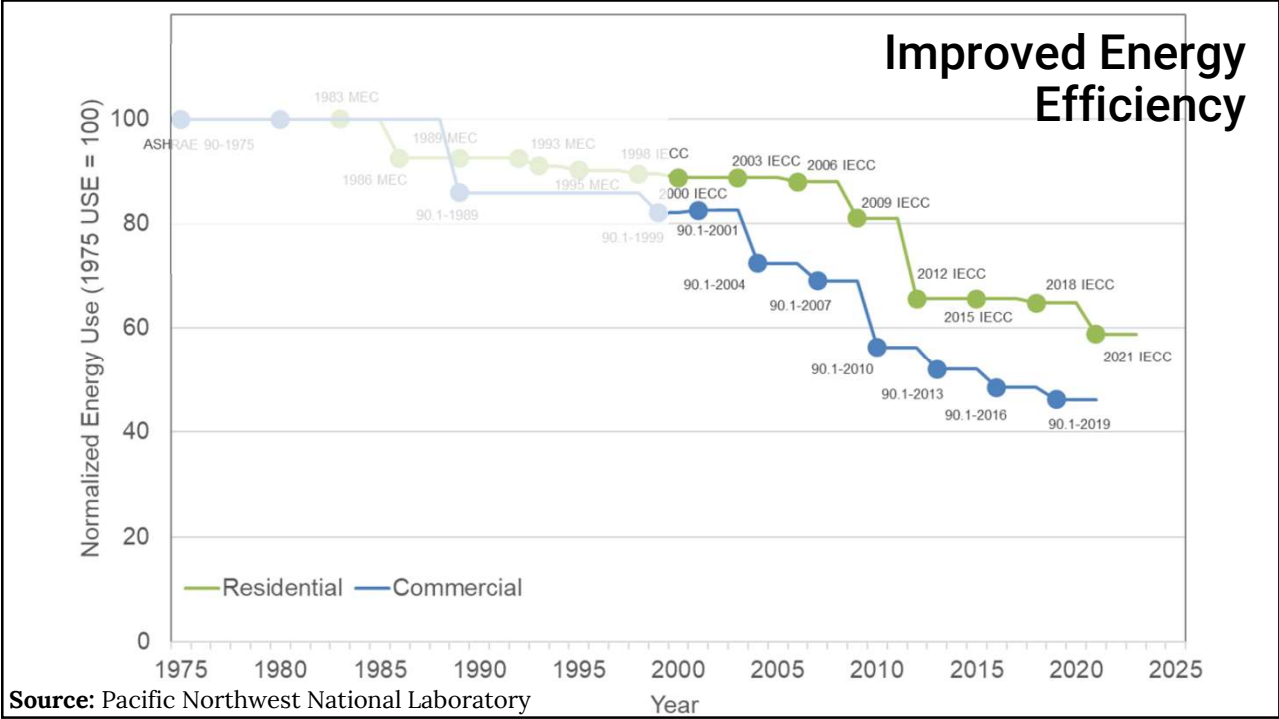
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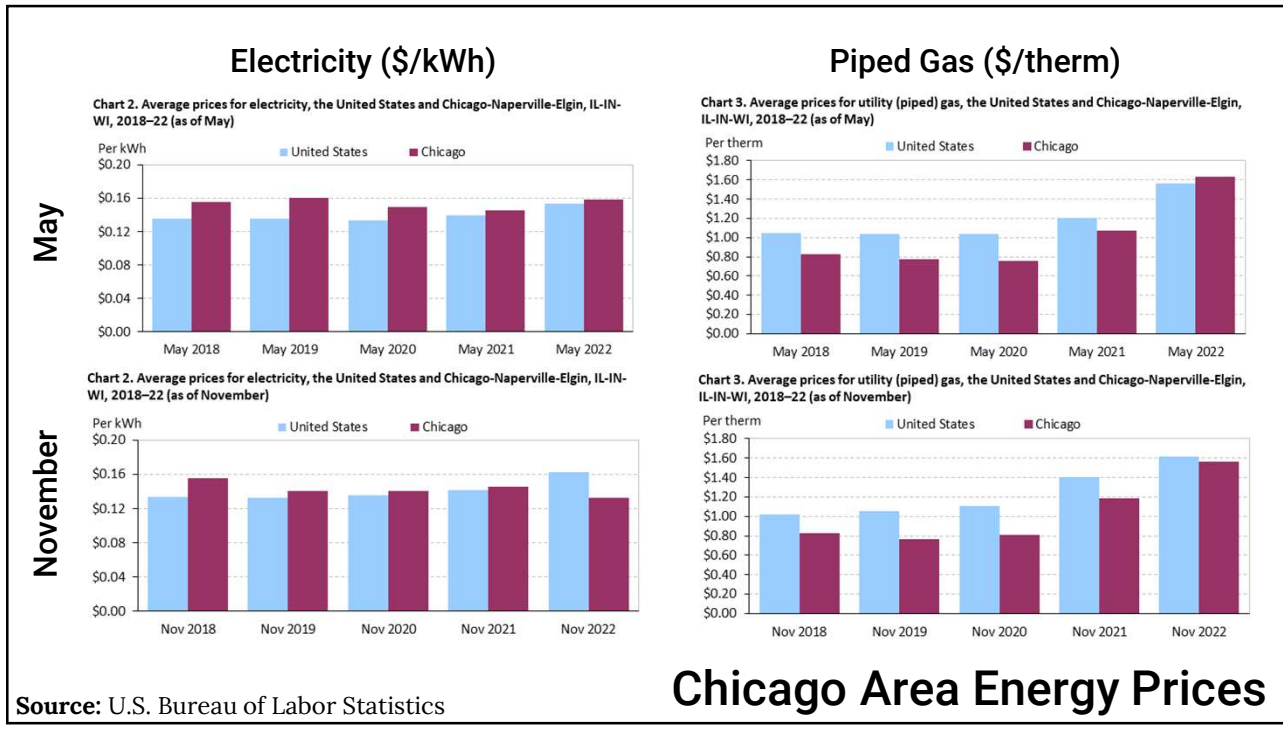
Summary of CETC-specific Requirements

Chapters C6 and R6 of the 2022 Chicago Energy Transformation Code contain several Chicago-specific requirements. These requirements apply regardless of the compliance path selected in earlier chapters of the code.

Chicago Solar-ready Roof Requirements	+
Chicago Electrification-ready Residence Requirements	+
Chicago Balcony and Parapet Insulation Requirements	+
Prohibition on Installing Fuel-gas-fired Lighting Appliances	+
Chicago Roof Reflectance Requirements	+
Chicago Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment EVSE Ready Requirements	+

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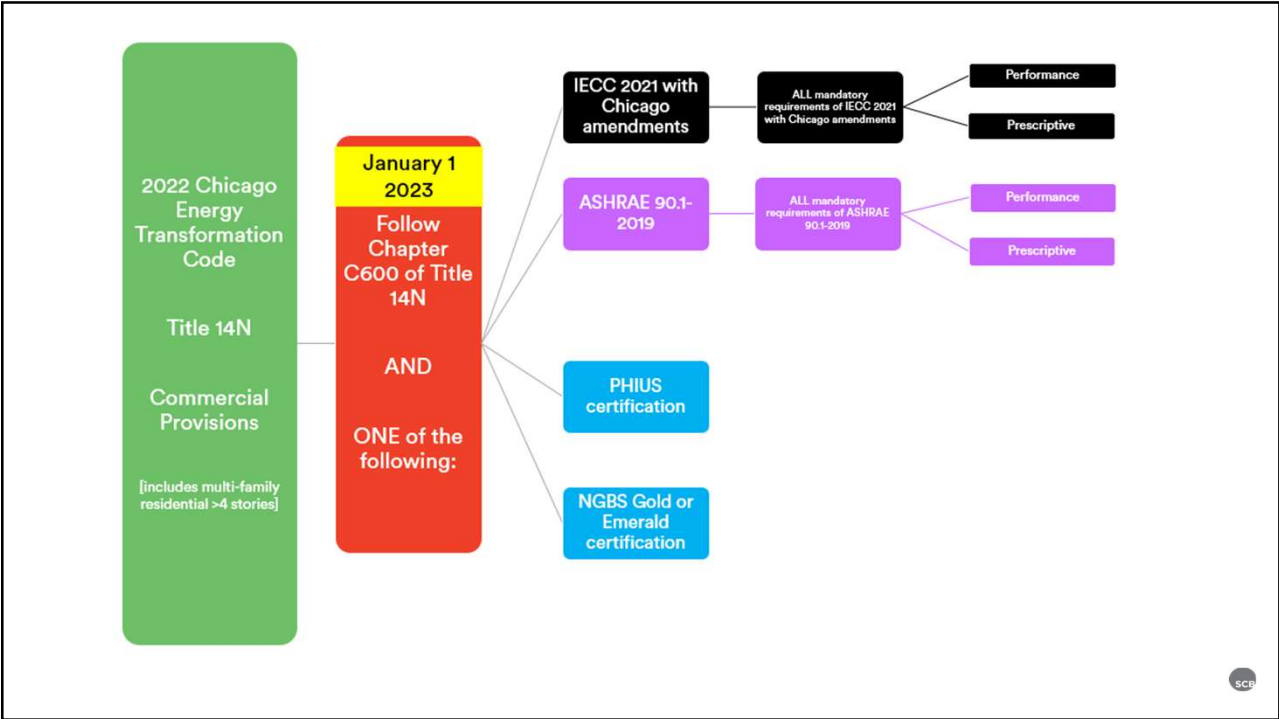
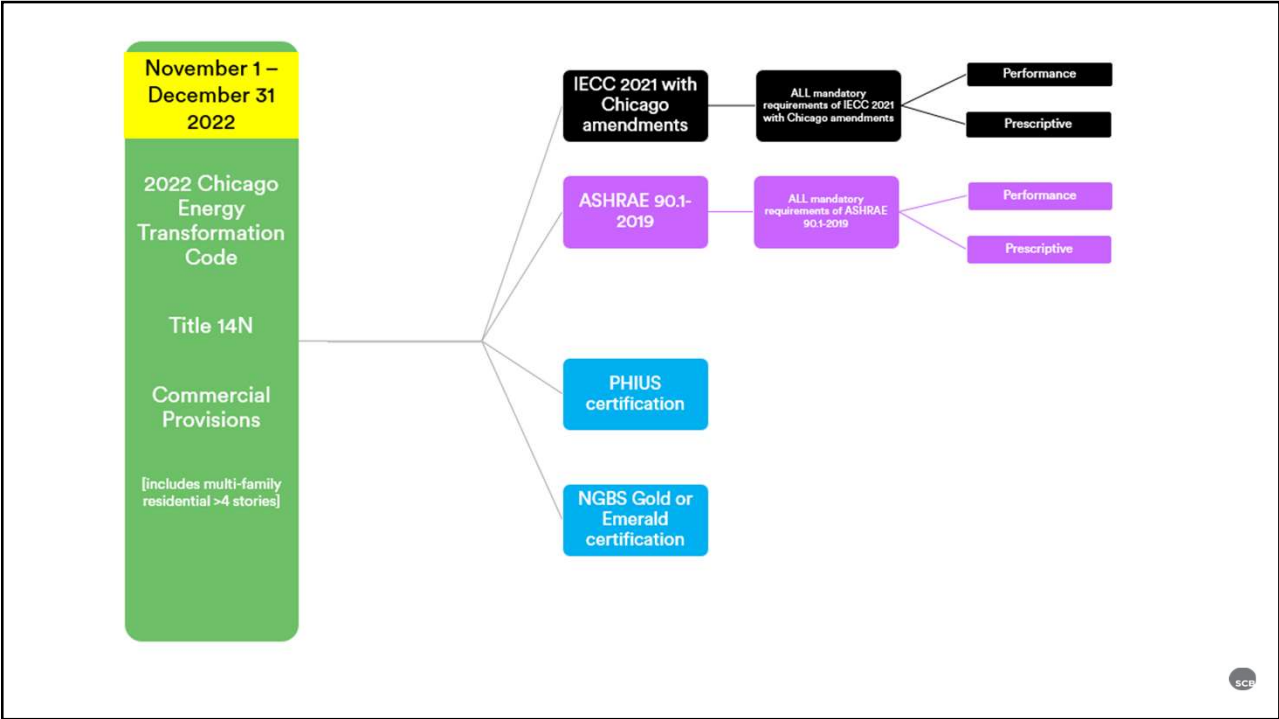


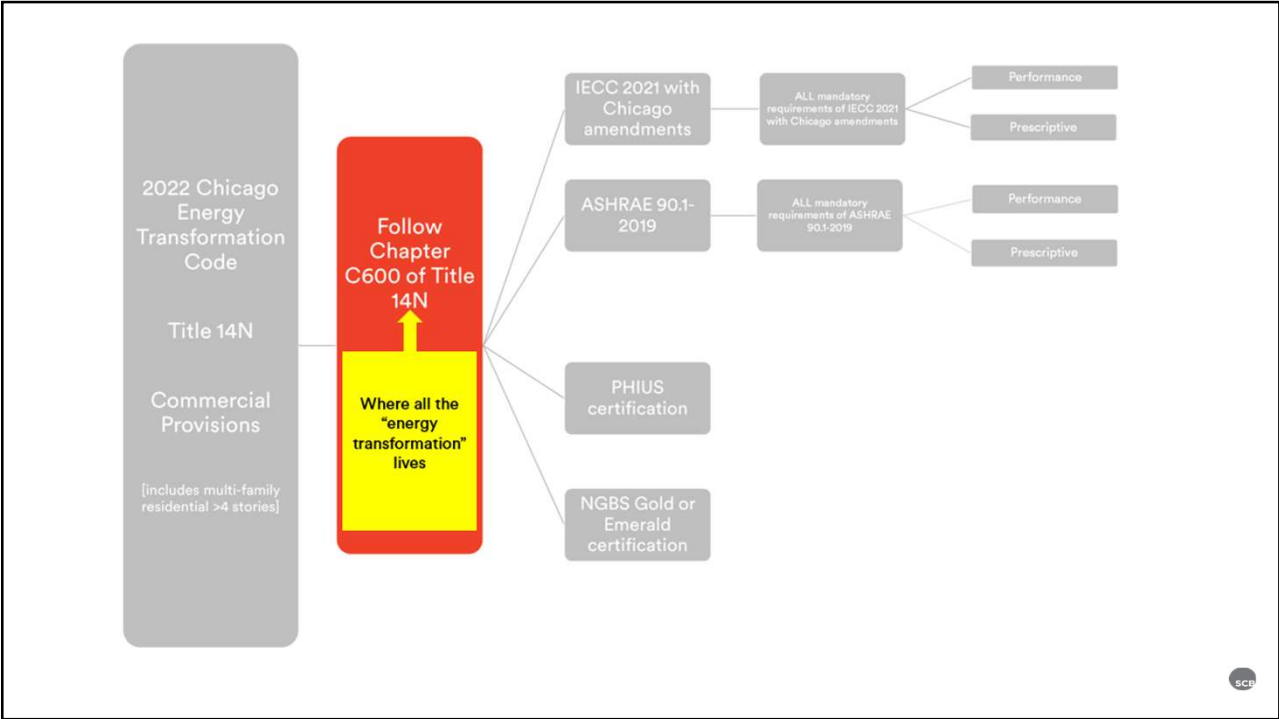



Chicago Energy Transformation Code

Highlights for Architects

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C600

- C603: Solar Ready Roofs
- C604: Electrification-Ready Residences
- C605: Exterior Balconies and Parapets
- C606: No New Gas Lighting
- C607: Cool Roof
- C608: EV Ready

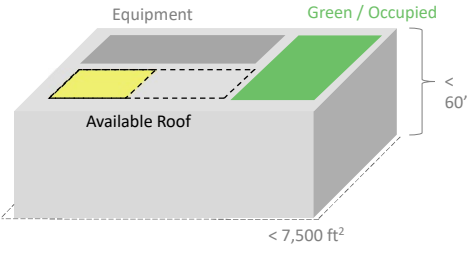



C600


C603: Solar Ready Roofs

Applies to buildings <60' tall, with a ground footprint of > 7,500 ft².

≥40% of *available roof area* must be designated as the *solar-ready zone*.



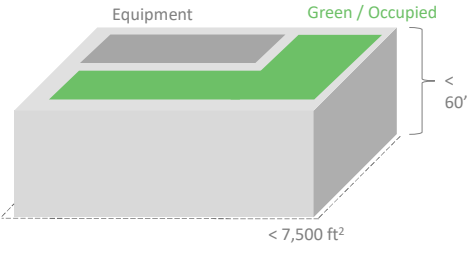






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C603: Solar Ready Roofs

What if there's no *available roof area*?

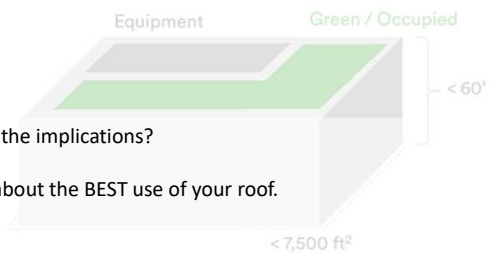








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C603: Solar Ready Roofs



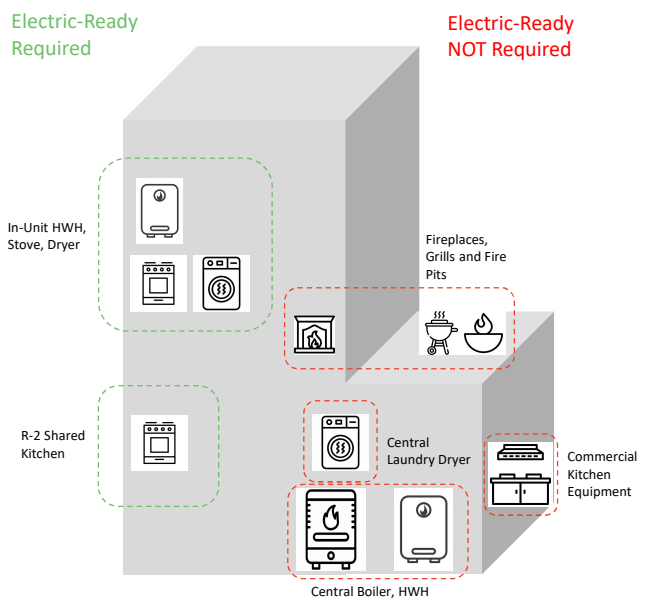
What are the implications?

- Think about the BEST use of your roof.

C600

C604: Electrification Ready Residences




Electric-Ready Required

- In-Unit HWH, Stove, Dryer
- R-2 Shared Kitchen

Electric-Ready NOT Required

- Fireplaces, Grills and Fire Pits
- Central Laundry Dryer
- Commercial Kitchen Equipment
- Central Boiler, HWH



C600

C604: Electrification Ready Residences

Electric-Ready Required
Electric-Ready NOT Required

What are the implications?

- Residential gas appliances and equipment are simply too expensive to build.
- GET READY for all-electric everything.

C600


C605: Exterior Balconies and Parapets

Must be continuously insulated or thermally broken.

This is new to us! Is this an energy code requirement anywhere else? Where do we find example details?

a) COMPLIANT with C402.2.9/ 5.5.3.7

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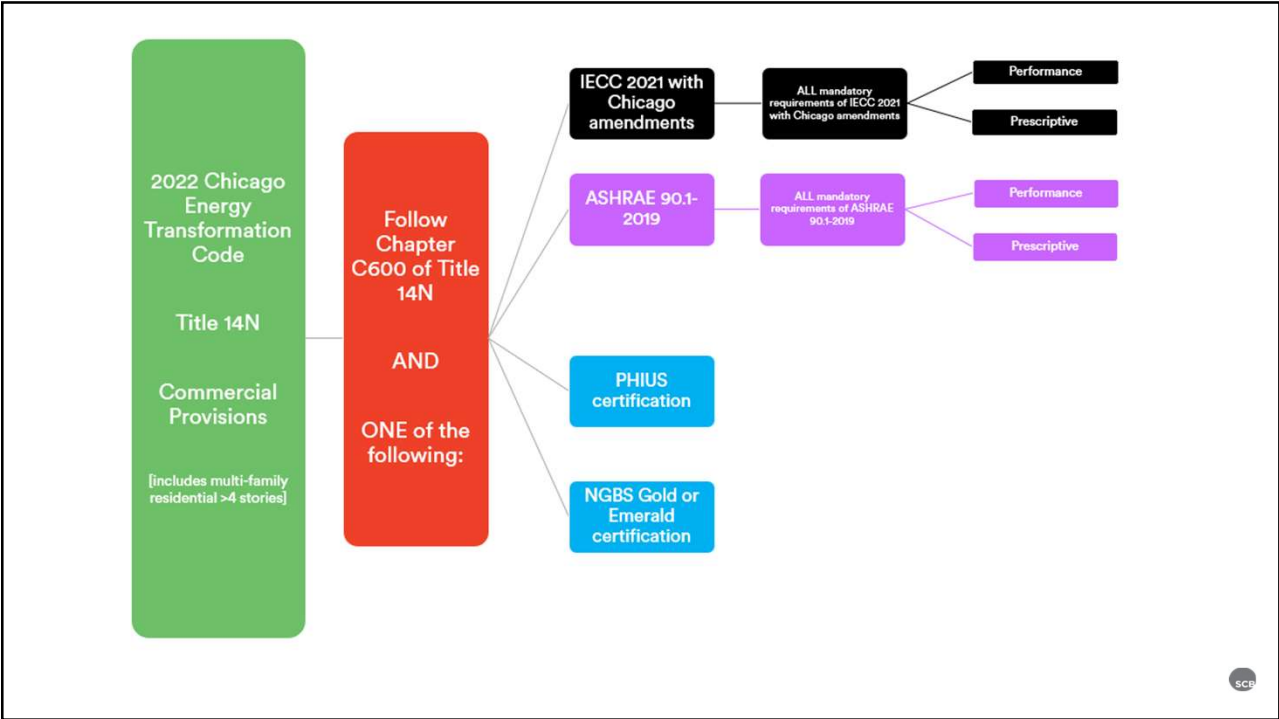



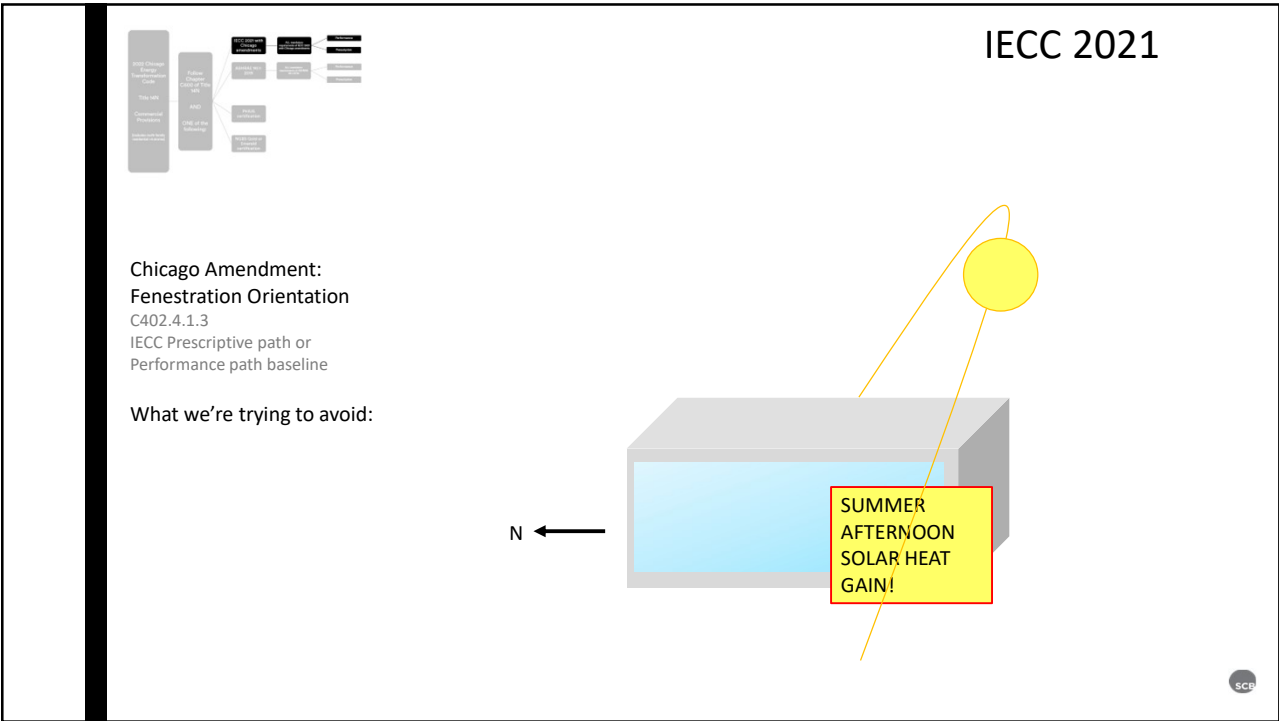
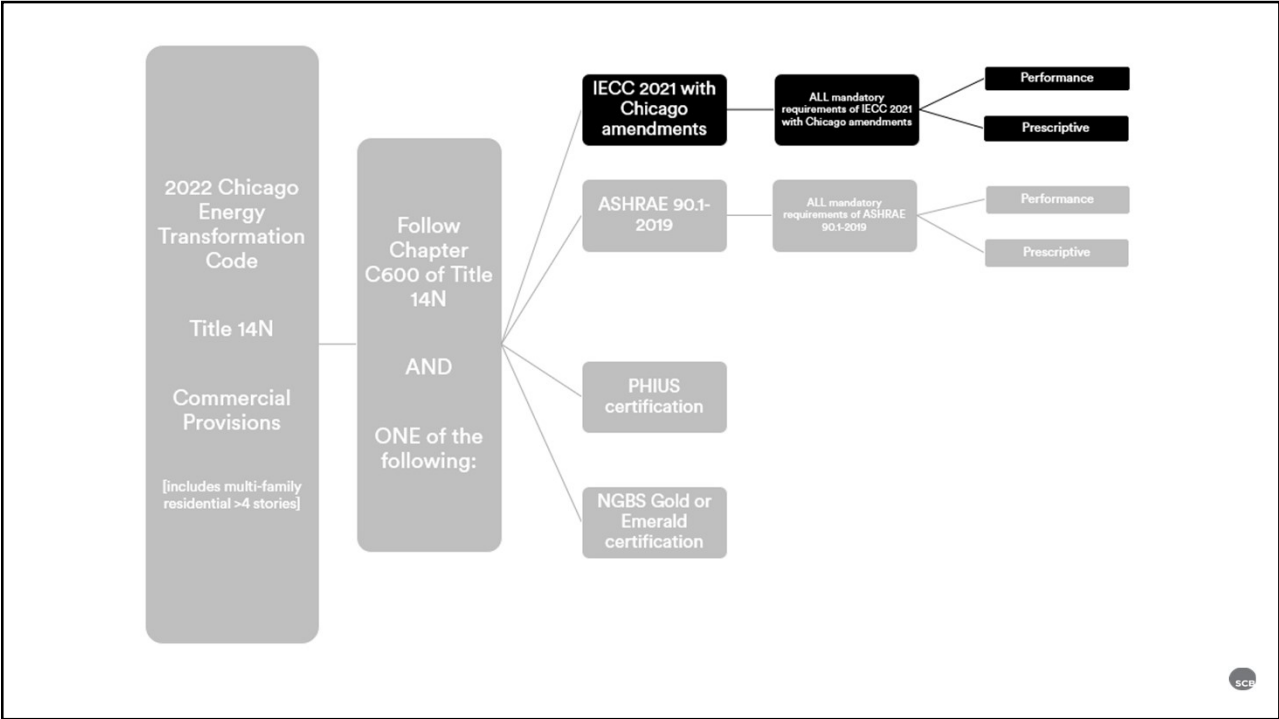
C600


C606: No New Gas Lighting

C607: Cool Roof >>> Chicago Building Code

C608: EV Ready >>> Zoning Code







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**Chicago Amendment:
Fenestration Orientation**


Note this is consistent with ASHRAE 90.1-2019


$A_e \leq (A_t)/4$ (Equation 4-3a)

$A_w \leq (A_t)/4$ (Equation 4-3b)

$A_e \times SHGC_e \leq (A_t \times SHGC_t)/5$ (Equation 4-3c)

$A_w \times SHGC_w \leq (A_t \times SHGC_t)/5$ (Equation 4-3d)







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

**Chicago Amendment:
Fenestration Orientation**


Breaking down the equations: 4-3a and 4-3b


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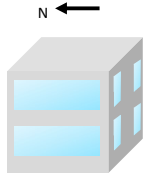


Chicago Amendment:
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Breaking down the equations: 4-3c and 4-3d


IECC 2021


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Breaking down the equations


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What are the implications?


- Complying via weighted SHGC (equations 4-3c and 4-3d) gets impractical quickly.
- Best to balance glass/opaque area on square(ish) buildings.
- N-S elongated buildings will typically be pushed to the performance path.

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IECC 2021

**Chicago Amendment:
Fenestration Orientation**


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IECC Update to Table C402.4

Note this is consistent with ASHRAE 90.1-2019

**TABLE C402.4
BUILDING ENVELOPE FENESTRATION MAXIMUM U-FACTOR AND SHGC REQUIREMENTS**

	3	4 EXCEPT MARINE	5 AND MARINE 4	6
Vertical fenestration				
<i>U-factor</i>				
0.45	0.460.42	0.380.36	0.380.36	0.360.34
0.60	0.600.54	0.45	0.45	0.430.42
0.77	0.770.68	0.770.63	0.770.63	0.770.63
SHGC				
<i>N/Operable</i>	<i>SEW/Fixed</i>	<i>N/Operable</i>	<i>SEW/Fixed</i>	<i>N/Operable</i>
0.330.23	0.25	0.330.23	0.36	0.480.33
0.370.28	0.30	0.370.28	0.43	0.560.40
0.400.37	0.40	0.400.37	0.58	0.640.53
Skylights				
35	0.55	0.50	0.50	0.50
3.30	0.350.30	0.40	0.40	0.40





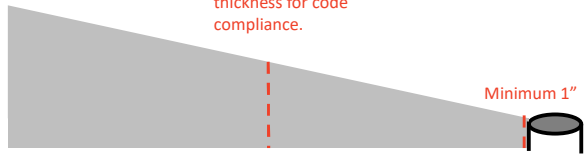
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**IECC Update:
Roof Insulation**


C402.1.4.1 and C402.2.1.1
IECC Prescriptive Path

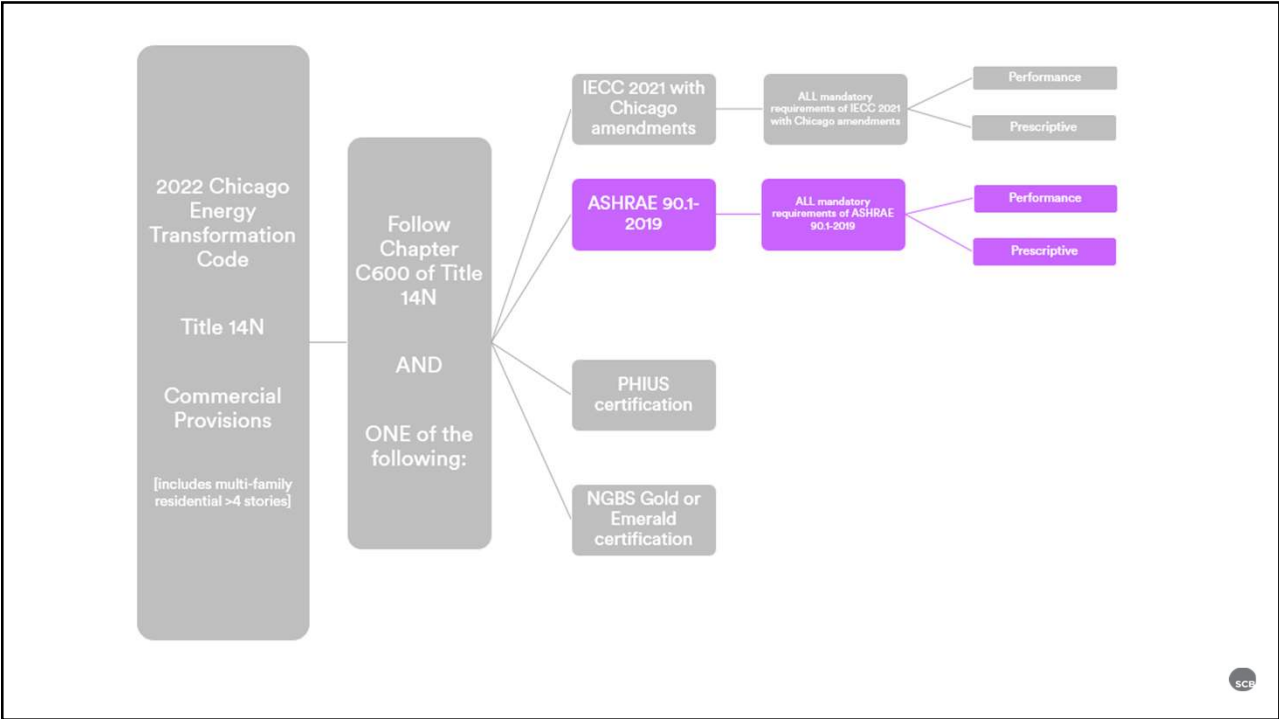
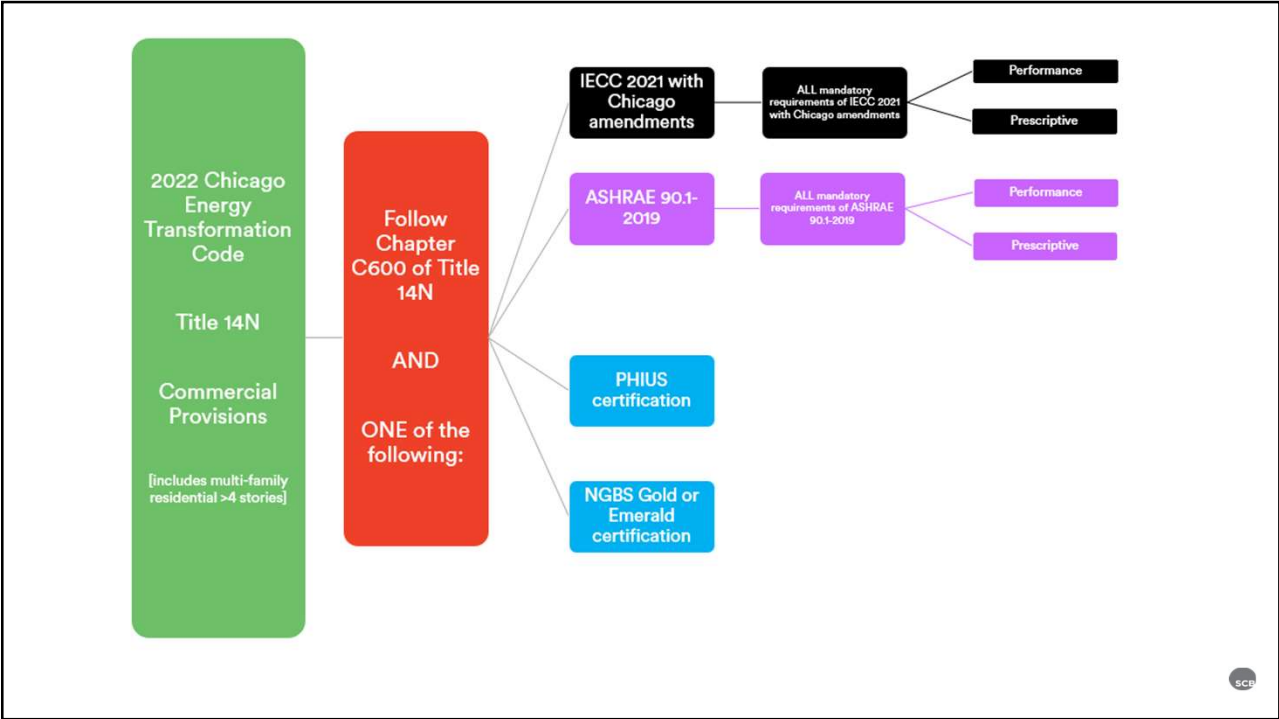
Note, this is different from ASHRAE 90.1-2019

Use R-value at
AVERAGE
thickness for code
compliance.



Minimum 1"





ASHRAE 90.1-2019 & IECC 2021

Whole Building Air Leakage Testing

New mandatory requirement in both energy codes

IECC: C402.5

ASHRAE: 5.8.3



ASHRAE 90.1-2019 & IECC 2021

Whole Building Air Leakage Testing

New mandatory requirement in both energy codes

What are the implications?

- Adds on-site verification where previously design only
- Detail your air barrier!
- Coordinate on-site testing with your contractor





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