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SUBJECT: 2021 USBC Adoption

In accord with the Code of Virginia §36-98.1, and the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, 2021 edition, Section 103.7 State buildings and structures, the USBC shall be applicable to state-owned buildings and structures, and to buildings and structures built on state-owned property.

The current applicable building code is the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, 2021 Edition (2021 USBC) and is available at <http://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/virginia>. The followings parts of 2021 USBC are applicable to GMU buildings and structures:

Part I, the Virginia Construction Code (2021 VCC) for new construction,
Part II, the Virginia Existing Building Code (2021 VEBC) for construction and rehabilitation activities in existing buildings and structures.

The following OUBO documents have been updated to reflect the new code change. These and others may be found and utilized on the [OUBO website](#).

Building Permit Posting Procedure
Construction Permit Procedures &
Forms Engineering Judgements
Fire Alarm Review Tips
GMU-Fire-Alarm-Shop-Submission-
Requirements
GMU-Fire-Sprinkler-Shop-
Submission- Requirements
Fire Sprinkler Review Tips

Mechanical and Plumbing Review Tips
Structural Review Tips
Special Inspections
Small Project Review
Temporary Structure Permit Guide
Inspection Procedures
Fire Rated Assemblies Inspection Guide
Fire Safety Review Tips
Fire Sprinkler Inspection Guide

The OUBO with collaboration from UVA and Va Tech, updated the Special Inspections procedures and forms to align with industry standards and facilitate compliance. These documents can be found on the [OUBO Resources](#) webpage and has been provided to Facilities to add where applicable.

The OUBO looks forward to provide training during May “Building Safety Month” to review and

discuss current and new processes with all stakeholders including project managers, architects, engineers, contractors, and facilities maintenance.

Best regards,



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