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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 2021 USBC shall be applicable to the following projects:

- Capital Outlay and Non-Capital Outlay projects for which a Building Permit has not been issued by 01/18/2025.
- Capital Outlay and Non-Capital Outlay projects for which a Building Permit has been issued, but Work has not commenced by 01/18/2025.

The following OUBO documents are under review and being actively updated to reflect the new code change. They may be found and reviewed on the [OUBO website](#).

Building Permit Posting Procedure
Construction Permit Procedures & Forms
Engineering Judgements
Fire Alarm Review Tips

Fire Rated Assemblies Inspection Guide
Fire Safety Review Tips
Fire Sprinkler Review Tips
Fire Sprinkler Inspection Guide

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GMU-Fire-Alarm-Shop-Submission-
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Inspection Procedures

Mechanical and Plumbing Review Tips
Structural Review Tips
Special Inspections
Small Project Review
Temporary Structure Permit Guide

The OUBO created a permit process improvement from the past year. A new Project Permit will reduce the need to schedule MEP inspections separately but will still ensure those necessary inspections are performed in a timely manner.

The new University Building Official Meeting Request "UBOMR" process facilitates a forum for various stakeholders to connect with the OUBO on specific issues during any stage of the project process.

The OUBO streamlined Special Inspections and Roofing Procedures documents to better facilitate compliance with GMU's HECO manual. These documents can be found on the [OUBO Resources](#) webpage.

The OUBO applauds the efforts of CFR's Edsel Diaz, Jesus Sanchez and Greg Rahimzadeh for their flexibility and assistance with remote inspections during the winter break. During the winter break the OUBO had scheduled 19 remote inspections of which, 5 fully passed inspection, 7 partially passed inspection, 2 failed inspection, 4 partially failed inspection, and 1 inspection was cancelled.

Lastly, the OUBO will again provide training during the May "Building Safety Month" to review and discuss current and new processes.

Best regards,

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