

International Building Code in Newcastle

The state legislature established the International Code Council's, **International Building Code** (IBC) as it existed on May 1, 2012, as the municipal commercial building code for the state via Section 214.216 of the Local Government Code.

An electronic version of the Code can be reviewed at:

<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IBC2012P13/chapter-1-scope-and-administration>

While municipalities were authorized to adopt local amendments to the code and to review and adopt any amendments made after May 1, 2012, by the International Code Council, Newcastle has not made any amendments.

Section 214.211 of the Local Government Code defines “commercial” as:

"Commercial" means a building for the use or occupation of people for:

- (A) a public purpose or economic gain; or
- (B) a residence if the building is a multifamily residence that is not defined as residential by this section.

Primarily, the Young County requires commercial buildings to comply with: the **International Fire Code**, as published by the International Code Council, as the code existed on May 1, 2005; **or** the Uniform Fire Code, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, as the code existed on May 1, 2005.