

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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2018 Kentucky Residential Code, Third Edition

The 2018 Kentucky Residential Code, Third Edition, which is incorporated by reference, is a fifty-two (52) page document containing Kentucky-specific amendments to the 2015 International Residential Code. The amendments proposed are as follows:

1. Amends Chapter 44, Referenced Standards, to update the edition of NFPA 70, National Electrical Code to the 2023 Edition. During the meetings of the NEC Task Force, the following changes were the most discussed.

- a. New requirement for exterior emergency disconnects for one- and two-family dwelling units. This requirement was put in place for the safety of first responders (Fire, EMS, Police) to safely remove power from the dwelling prior to entry in an emergency situation.
- b. Receptacles in a kitchen are required to have GFCI protection.
- c. Laundry receptacles, including dryer outlets are required to have GFCI protection.
- d. All exterior outlets of a dwelling require GFCI, including air conditioning equipment (delayed effective date of January 1, 2026).
- e. Kitchen islands and peninsula receptacles are no longer required.
- f. Surge protection devices requirements expanded to include dwelling units, dormitory units, guest rooms and guest suites of hotels and motels, and areas of nursing homes and limited-care facilities used exclusively as patient or resident sleeping rooms.
- g. New energy management provisions to enable cost-effective use of electrical infrastructure in homes, businesses, and industry.
- h. Additional guidance on reconditioned equipment. Use of reconditioned equipment can be helpful to combat supply chain issues.