NEW CODES EFFECTIVE 1-1-2019
The significant changes to the IRC can be found HERE.

The adoption of the new codes brings with it changes to the floor joist span tables. The development of these tables is brought about in part from the American Wood Council (AWC). We recommend, when designing floor joist for residential construction, that the span be verified in the tables listed in chapter 5 of the IRC. If you do not have a code book, you can go to www.awc.com, and click on the free online span calculator which will calculate the maximum span allowed for each joist size. The online span calculator, is located HERE, for your convenience. Be sure to choose “southern pine” under species, and “No. 2 (Eff. 6/1/13)” under grade.

Many thanks to the Home Builders Association for their generous hospitality hosting two days of the 2018 IRC codes training and discussion event (Jan. 30 & 31, 2019). We had a great turnout both days, and we enjoyed the interaction between the Knox Codes staff and the attendees. If you would like to learn more about the HBAGK, or receive a copy of the training Powerpoint presentation, please contact the association at (865) 546-4665 or visit their website by clicking HERE.

ETBOA (East Tennessee Building Officials Association) The goals of ETBOA are to protect lives through code enforcement, provide ongoing training to code officials and to present an opportunity to receive college scholarships for students of ETBOA members. ETBOA meets monthly providing training, learning about code changes and products, and interacting with other code officials. We are an active part of the ICC (International Code Council) and the code adoption process. Visit their website at www.etboa.org.

Calendar & Events

CODES OFFICE CLOSINGS: The Codes office will be closed on Monday, February 18th for President’s Day. The Knox County Code Inspectors will not be performing inspections on February 21 & 22, because they will be attending continuing education classes. Please plan accordingly.

ETBOA (East TN Building Officials Association) meets the second Wednesday of each month. More info at www.etboa.org. The meeting includes informative training.