



# CODES TALK

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## Applying for a Permit

When applying for a permit the following items will be needed; two (2) sets of plans, a site plan, a certified address (obtained through MPC) and, if applicable, a drainfield layout (from the health department).

## Looking for Past Newsletters?

All past newsletters can be found at the Codes website and are available to be read online or downloaded. Click [HERE](#) to see all past newsletters.

## Online Permit Portal

Click [HERE](#) to apply online for a residential permit application. Click the below email to send in commercial plans or revisions [plansreview@knoxcounty.org](mailto:plansreview@knoxcounty.org).

## Paperless Reports

**Reminder:** All field inspection reports are now being delivered through email by the building inspectors. Be sure that you have given us all email addresses when applying for a permit. In the event that you did not receive your inspection report by email, please contact the codes office at 865-215-2325.

To send comments, subscribe or unsubscribe send emails to [codestalk@knoxcounty.org](mailto:codestalk@knoxcounty.org).



## NEW CODES EFFECTIVE 1-1-2019

The significant changes to the IRC can be found [HERE](#).



AMERICAN WOOD COUNCIL

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](http://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.



Home Builders Association of Greater Knoxville

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](tel:865-546-4665) or visit their website by clicking [HERE](#).



EAST TENNESSEE BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

**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](http://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](http://www.etboa.org). The meeting includes informative training.