

Source: Directory of Building Codes and Regulations by City and State, 2002, published by the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards (NCSBCS).

Interpretations of the charts found in the State Directory Section. Refers to STATEWIDE codes; local jurisdictions may also enforce codes, or make allowances for owner built structures.

5 maps showing existence of statewide codes for:

- Building
- HVAC
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Manufactured Housing

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Manufactured Home Codes



Electric Codes

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Plumbing Codes



HVAC Codes

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STATE_NAME	ST_ABBR	BLDGCODE	HVACCODE	PLUMBCOD	ELECCODE	MFGHMCOD
Alabama	AL	YESSF	NSF	NSF	NSF	YESSF
Alaska	AK	YESSF	NSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Arizona	AZ	NONE	NONE	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Arkansas	AR	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
California	CA	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Colorado	CO	NSF	NSF	NSF	NSF	YESSF
Connecticut	CT	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Delaware	DE	NONE	NONE	NONE	YESSF	NONE
Florida	FL	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Georgia	GA	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Hawaii	HI	YESSF	YESSF	NONE	NONE	NONE
Idaho	ID	NSF	NSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Illinois	IL	NONE	NONE	YESSF	NONE	NONE
Indiana	IN	YESSF	NSF	YESSF	YESSF	NONE
Iowa	IA	NSF	NSF	NSF	NSF	YESSF
Kansas	KS	NSF	NSF	NSF	NSF	YESSF
Kentucky	KY	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Louisiana	LA	NSF	NONE	YESSF	NSF	YESSF
Maine	ME	NONE	NONE	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Maryland	MD	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Massachusetts	MA	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Michigan	MI	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Minnesota	MN	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Mississippi	MS	NSF	NSF	NSF	NSF	YESSF
Missouri	MO	NSF	NSF	NSF	NSF	NONE
Montana	MT	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	NONE
Nebraska	NE	NSF	NONE	YESSF	YESSF	NONE
Nevada	NV	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
New Hampshire	NH	NSF	NONE	YESSF	YESSF	NONE
New Jersey	NJ	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
New Mexico	NM	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
New York	NY	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
North Carolina	NC	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
North Dakota	ND	NSF	NSF	YESSF	YESSF	NONE
Ohio	OH	NSF	NSF	NSF	NSF	NONE
Oklahoma	OK	NSF	NSF	NSF	NSF	NONE
Oregon	OR	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Pennsylvania	PA	YESSF	NONE	NONE	NONE	YESSF
Rhode Island	RI	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
South Carolina	SC	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
South Dakota	SD	NSF	NSF	YESSF	YESSF	NONE
Tennessee	TN	NSF	NSF	NSF	YESSF	YESSF
Texas	TX	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Utah	UT	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Vermont	VT	NSF	NSF	NSF	NSF	YESSF
Virginia	VA	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Washington	WA	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
West Virginia	WV	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Wisconsin	WI	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF	YESSF
Wyoming	WY	NSF	NSF	NONE	YESSF	NONE
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County	City	State	Code	Alt_Bldg_Opportunity	Source or Contacts	E-mail or Website
Pima	Tuscon	AZ	Straw Bale Code	Adopted 1996	DCAT--Development Center for Appropriate Technology	http://www.dcat.net/about_dcat/current/Tucson_Pima_Co_SB_Code.pdf
Pima	Tuscon	AZ	Earthen Code	Adopted 1997	DCAT--Development Center for Appropriate Technology	http://www.dcat.net/about_dcat/current/Tucson_Pima_Earthen_Code.pdf
Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma		CA	Class K From the Mendocino County website: Class K is a relaxed construction standard available to owner-built rural dwellings and appurtenant structures intended "...to allow and facilitate the use of alternatives to the specifications prescribed by the Uniform technical codes to the extent that a reasonable degree of health and safety is provided..." To qualify, the property must be zoned for a one acre minimum Class K or Uniform Building Code structure.	Humboldt, Mendocino & Sonoma counties are the only 3 known county jurisdictions allowing Class K. Sonoma judged to be much less affordable and alt-building friendly.	John Fordice	http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning/PermitPlace/PermitPlace24.htm ; otherfish@comcast.net
Los Angeles	Pomona	CA		County bulldozed earthen dome on college property, rebuilt with permits and inspections and allowed to stand with county approval	Shody Ryon	qi4u@yahoo.com
Nevada		CA		What is the largest structure I can build without a permit? 200 square feet at the projected roof line. (But other factors, like setbacks from property lines and septic systems, may affect this.)		http://new.mynevadacounty.com/building/
San Bernadino	Hesperia	CA		Cal-Earth Institute architectural museum demonstrates earth dome structures, city may commission earth dome.	Shody Ryon	http://www.calearth.org:qi4u@yahoo.com
Santa Barbara	New Cuyama	CA		Quail Springs Permaculture farm has constructed cob and straw bale structures	Shody Ryon	http://www.quailspings.org:qi4u@yahoo.com
Ventura	Ojai	CA		Structures that are not lived in may be pink tagged and allowed for uses such as recreation, e.g. 6' or less cob wall with light weight roof system	Shody Ryon	qi4u@yahoo.com
Ventura, Upper Ojai Valley		CA		Earthbag dome owner told by inspector that structure would be bulldozed at cost of \$65/hour for 'dozer, still standing at last report	Shody Ryon	qi4u@yahoo.com
		CA	AB 1314, California Straw Bale Code; revised SB332/HS18944	Adopted 1995; revised 2002. Note from The Last Straw, no. 54 p. 15: Some Counties and Cities that have adopted the guidelines into their local code have amended them.	DCAT--Development Center for Appropriate Technology	http://www.strawbuilding.org/tech/code/cahnscode.html
	Boulder	CO	ORDINANCE NO. 5891, Straw Bale Building Code		DCAT--Development Center for Appropriate Technology	http://www.dcat.net/about_dcat/current/Boulder_Straw_Bale_Code.pdf
	Cortez	CO	Straw Bale Code Appendix to Building Code	Adopted 1997	DCAT--Development Center for Appropriate Technology	http://woodsprite.com/cortez-codes.html

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Pickens		GA	Just adopted 2006 International Building Code	Allows buildings with floor plans under 120 sqft. to be built without a permit. Although, the building department says whether or not you need a permit, you must comply with the code. Code book specifies poured concrete, stone masonry, and even wooden footings. Only mention of "alternative building" says the materials must meet certain structural requirements for soil compressibility, seismic zones, wind pressure.	Damon Howell	dhowell@pickensprogress.com
Outside City Limits		MS		Reported that a permit is not necessary outside city limits in County jurisdictions. Has had some experience with and knowledge of foundations and buildings being constructed without interference.	Fran	fran2000a1@yahoo.com
Red Willow	McCook	NE	McCook Straw Bale Building Code.	ordinance passed 2002	Copy from Doyle Wineland, Building Inspector, City of McCook, 308.345.2022 Ext 232 <doyle@cityofmccook.com>	
Cochise		NM	proposed Straw bale code	Status?		http://www.azstarnet.com/sn/related/57123.php
		NM	Straw Bale Code	2003		http://www.grisb.org/publications/pub18.htm
		NM	Compressed Earth Block Building Code			http://www.grisb.org/publications/pub34.htm
		NM	Straw-Clay Building Code			http://www.grisb.org/publications/pub28.htm
		NM	Adobe code			http://www.grisb.org/publications/pub27.pdf
		NV	AB171 Straw Bale Guidelines	It became a law in 1995, the intent of which is to ensure that local code jurisdictions in Nevada develop building codes that allow straw-bale construction.	DCAT--Development Center for Appropriate Technology	http://www.grisb.org/publications/pub17.htm
		OR	Appendix M Straw Bale Structures	Included in the Oregon State Residential Code		http://www2.iccsafe.org/states/oregon/Residential/2005_PDFs/Appendix%20M_Straw-Bale%20Structures.pdf
Bastrop		TX		As of 2006 a person inquiring was told: Pay for the building permit (around \$500), build what you like	Brian Bertucci	http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/ips/cms/countyoffices:tillbury@hotmail.com
Blanco		TX		Reported to be friendly to Alt Building	Brian Bertucci	tillbury@hotmail.com
	Austin	TX	TITLE 25 LAND DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER 25-12 TECHNICAL CODES ARTICLE1: UNIFORM BUILDING CODE 25-12-3 LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING CODE, Straw Bale Building Code		DCAT--Development Center for Appropriate Technology	http://www.dcat.net/about_dcat/current/Austin_Straw_Bale_Code.pdf
Grand		UT	Policy of Requirements for straw bale listed on website	note: this is the county where Moab is located		http://www.grandcountyutah.net/buildinginspector
Sources: Respondents from Cob Building email list, and various websites (possibly dated).						