

Belize Building Codes



Objectives

Guide the design, planning, permitting and construction of building structures and dwellings in Belize; integrating climate resilience, energy efficiency and zoning, considering the local context and market trends to ensure transparency, accountability, quality and most of all safety.



WHY

- Modernize building and residential infrastructure.
- Provide minimum quality and safety standards.
- Elevate quality and expectation of construction.
- Increase Belize's capacity to design and construct modern, high-end and unique built environments.

HOW

- Customize the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Plumbing Code and the International Zoning Code to suit local conditions.
- Collaborate with industry
- stakeholders to prioritize key concerns and address potential issues.
- Review and update relevant legislation. Build Capacity of stakeholders and local authorities.

WHEN

- May 2021 - GOB approved use of I- Codes as reference for minimum design standards.
- August 2021 - technical workgroup developed to review and customize Codes.
- July 2022 - Presentation of draft custom codes to stakeholders.

*This initiative is being coordinated and implemented through the Project Execution Unit of the MIDH.

DISCUSSION

"APEB is enthusiastic about our role in the development of our first set of national building codes for Belize. We are certain that these will facilitate us in accomplishing APEB's mission which is to provide professional engineering services of the highest technical and ethical standards, for the benefit, protection and development of the Belizean Society!"

"The development of building codes specific to Belize has been long overdue and we at APAB have been eagerly awaiting this moment. APAB stresses that Building Codes are vital tools that will boost our country's economy and infrastructure. They address many of our society's most important concerns, including public health and safety, environmental protection, cost efficiency, and investment value. They allow for the creation of environmentally friendly, aesthetically pleasing, and economical buildings which are essential to the positive development of Belize. We applaud GOB for taking on this very important initiative."