



**JANUARY 31, 2024 REPORT #3  
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

***RCO AND OBC CHANGES TO TAKE EFFECT MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>***

At its meeting on January 26, 2024, the Board of Building Standards adopted amendments to the Residential Code of Ohio **effective March 1, 2024**.

The Board initiated the rule change process in March 2023 and the rules have been available in draft form on the Board's website. The final adopted rules with rule development history can be found at the following link. The Chapter 4 changes can found starting on page 2, and Ohio changes to the 2023 NEC begin on page 61 of the attached rule package.

[2019 Residential Code of Ohio Amendments | Ohio Department of Commerce](#)

The amendments include the following:

4101:8-4-01: Brings back exceptions for frost protection; and

4101:8-34-01: Adopts by reference 2023 NFPA 70 with Ohio modifications; and

4101:8-44-01: Adopts updated referenced editions of selected standards.

Additionally, see the BBS Memo regarding the effective date of the new 2024 Ohio Building Code and applications for plan approval. The memo is attached. This and other BBS Memos can also be reviewed here: [BBS Memos | Ohio Department of Commerce](#).

Feel free to contact OHBA with any questions or concerns.

***OHBA SPRING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING***

OHBA Spring Organizational Meeting is scheduled for March 11-12, 2024 at the Hilton Easton in Columbus. If you have not signed up, now is the time to do so.

If you need registration information, contact OHBA at 614-228-6648 or [build@ohiohba.com](mailto:build@ohiohba.com).