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RE: On December 6, 2020, the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council adopted rules that amended and updated the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and State Energy Code.

On January 28, 2020, the Department of State, acting on behalf of the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council, filed a Notice of Adoption of the 2020 New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and State Energy Code. The Notice of Adoption will appear in the New York State Register on February 12, 2020 and can be viewed at <https://www.dos.ny.gov/info/register/2020.html>

The official effective date of the 2020 New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and State Energy Code is set for **May 12, 2020** for all local jurisdictions State-wide except for the City of New York.

The 2020 New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, Chapter 35 “Referenced Standards” refers to NFPA70-17 which is the 2017 National Electrical Code. Because of this Referenced Standard and the effective date of May 12, 2020, all building permits issued on or after May 12, 2020 must use the 2017 National Electrical Code.

Historically, when a new Code is adopted in New York State there is a six-month grace period. However, on May 12, 2020 when the 2020 New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and State Energy Code is scheduled to take effect, there will not be a grace period. What that means is that any Building Permit issued prior to May 12, 2020 will continue to follow the requirements of the 2014 National Electrical Code. Any new Building Permit issued on or after May 12, 2020 must follow the requirements set forth in the 2017 National Electrical Code.

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