



April 14th 2020 NYS Building Code Guidance

- 2020 NYS Codes will be effective May 12, 2020 with no transition period. There has been no change to this due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Any permits submitted prior to May 12 are under the 2015 Codes as modified by the 2017 NYS Supplement. Any permits submitted May 12 and after must be done to the 2020 NYS Code.
- 2020 NYS Code basically combined the ICC Code with the NYS Supplement. Primarily clarified much of the previous code.
- All the appendices from the ICC Codes are in the 2020 NYS Codes but not all have been adopted. Section 101 of each code book lists the appendices that have been adopted. The others are not enforceable.
- Although there is no longer a NYS Supplement you still must check Title 19 Section 1220.3 for updates to the 2020 NYS Code.
- Some of the changes that directly impact Cornell:
 - Higher Education Laboratories
 - Definition in Building Code
 - Building Code Section 428 applies
 - Fire Code Chapter 38 applies
 - Cooking equipment in college dorms
 - Building Code Section 420.10 applies
 - Fire suppression per Building Code 904.13 required
- In the 2020 Fire Code, for fully sprinklered new buildings of Type IA, IB and IIA construction there is an exception to Fire Code Section D105 - required fire department aerial access when roof is 30 feet or more above grade plain.