

Resolution # 13
Submitted by: Policy Statement Review Process
Adoption of the Most Recent Building and Fire Prevention Codes

WHEREAS, implementation of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) was authorized in 2004; and

WHEREAS, over 90% of Pennsylvania's 2,562 municipalities have elected to administer and enforce the UCC locally; and

WHEREAS, under the UCC, the Review and Advisory Council (RAC) is charged with evaluating the most recent triennial ICC building and fire prevention codes for adoption under the UCC; and

WHEREAS, the adopted codes become the standard by which municipalities operate; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the existing standards were adopted in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the failure to adopt the most recent building and fire prevention code has negatively impacted municipalities across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, some municipalities have seen a significant downgrade in their Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedules (BCEGS) by the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO), as a direct result of the Commonwealth's failure to ensure the adoption of the most current building and fire prevention codes; and

WHEREAS, the downgrade in a municipality's BCEGS directly affects insurance premiums on commercial and residential properties within the municipality.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Municipal League supports and urges the RAC and Legislature adopt the most recent ICC codes to be administered and enforced under the UCC.

This resolutions acknowledges the impact of the UCC Review and Advisory Committee not adopting the latest versions of the building and fire prevention codes and calls upon the Committee to act.