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Contractors:

On June 2, 2009 the state passed Public Chapter No. 529, which is the Tennessee Clean Energy Future Act of 2009. This allowed for the adoption of a state wide energy code. The State Fire Marshal's Office chose the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code. They will start enforcing the requirements of this code beginning **July 1, 2010**.

Blount County already has this code adopted. Our department has been enforcing the majority of this code since July 1, 2006. However, there have been some things that we have not required. In order to stay in compliance with state requirements, our department will now have to enforce this code in its entirety. What that means to you as a contractor is some additional requirements with respect to energy efficiency. The biggest changes involve new insulation requirements and more efficient doors and windows. In most of the projects we inspect now, these changes will not create any problems. Most of you are already building homes that meet the majority of these additional requirements.

As always, feel free to call me at the numbers above with any additional questions.

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