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## Special points of interest:

- Buildings constructed under the new Code will be more energy efficient than under past codes.
- A blower door test will be required for new construction to demonstrate building envelope tightness.
- A duct blaster test will be required to demonstrate proper duct sealing for all forced air systems.
- The new Code includes a revised Renewable Energy Mitigation Program:
  - Snowmelt is capped at a maximum of 6000 square feet per parcel unless ground source heat pumps provide the majority of energy for all uses on the parcel.
  - Houses 5000 square feet or more in floor area must either install onsite renewable energy or pay a REMP fee of \$1 per square foot (e.g. 5750 sq ft house = \$5,750)
  - Costs for exterior energy use have been increased to reflect actual costs.
  - Incentives for photovoltaic systems have been increased.
- The new Code also includes a commercial REMP program.
- Load calculation standards for off-grid buildings with stand-alone photovoltaic systems have been added to the 2008 National Electric Code.

## Pitkin County Adopts 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

Effective Date: March 9, 2010

Building permit applications that are submitted on or after March 9th will have to comply with the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code.

Code books are available for purchase at the Building Department office on the third floor of City Hall.

Amendments to the IECC, including the REMP programs, can be seen online at:

[http://www.aspenpitkin.com/Portals/0/docs/county/countycode/ord\\_001\\_2010EC.pdf](http://www.aspenpitkin.com/Portals/0/docs/county/countycode/ord_001_2010EC.pdf)

Pitkin County is soliciting feedback regarding training for the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code. We would ask that any Architects, Contractors, Design Professionals, and/or Owner Builders who are interested to please provide their contact information and any suggestions as to the type of training desired as well as possible dates, times, and locations. Please send responses to [web\\_pitkin@co.pitkin.co.us](mailto:web_pitkin@co.pitkin.co.us)

