



# Conflicting Codes

Given the numerous jurisdictional combinations within the West County EMS & Fire Protection District coverage area, it is likely that different editions of the International Building Code, International Fire Code, International Existing Building Code and all associated standards from other sources will be in effect for any given project. Regardless of any other codes adopted by any other Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for any project in the West County EMS & Fire Protection District coverage area, **plans will be rejected without review if the Code Block of the plans does not show and attest that the plans meet or exceed all requirements of the codes currently adopted by the West County EMS & Fire Protection District at the time of permit application submittal.**

Adopted codes and the amendments thereto in only the rarest of circumstance specify a specific detail of construction, but rather establish required and allowable minimums and maximums for various features, methods of construction and performance characteristics.

Having multiple codes from different AHJ's in effect rarely if ever cause an unresolvable conflict, but rather provide several different sets of criterium that **each** must be satisfied. Adhering to the most restrictive requirement between multiple codes does not preclude compliance with a different edition of that same code.

Where such rare cases exist that it is impossible to design and account for compliance with different versions of codes adopted by different AHJ's, it is the responsibility of the registered design professional to call out those conflicts during the design and design review phase **PRIOR TO PERMIT APPLICATION PLAN SUBMITTAL** and engage in discussions including alternative proposals for AHJ's to consider in lieu of the adopted codes.

Absent any advanced mutual agreement with the West County EMS & Fire Protection District in writing (including confirmed agreement by e-mail), it is the expectation that all work will meet or exceed all applicable codes adopted by the West County EMS & Fire Protection District and in effect at the time of permit application and issuance.