

Part I: Code Reference Guide

A Code Reference Guide has been established by the State Fire Marshal's Office and the DCA. The Table 102.13 below establishes the hierarchy of codes in the State of Georgia. For example, when determining the applicable code for designing the means of egress Table 102.13 indicates the Life Safety Code is the primary code, the International Building Code is not referenced (Reference: 120-3-3 Rules & Regulations for the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards)

TABLE 102.13: CODES REFERENCE GUIDE		
Area	Primary	Supplement
Occupancy Classification	LSC	IBC
Building Construction Types, including allowable height, allowable building areas, and the requirements for sprinkler protection related to minimum building construction types	IBC	LSC
Means of Egress	LSC	NONE
Standpipes	IBC	IFC
Interior Finish	LSC	NONE
HVAC Systems	IMC	NONE
Vertical Openings	LSC	NONE
Sprinkler Systems	LSC	NONE
Fire Alarm Systems	LSC	NONE
Smoke Alarms and Smoke Detection Systems	State Statute and LSC	NONE
Portable Fire Extinguishers	IFC	NONE
Cooking Equipment	LSC and NFPA 96	NONE
Fuel Fired Equipment	IFGC	NFPA 54
Liquid Petroleum Gas	NFPA 58	NFPA 54
Compressed Natural Gas	NFPA 52	NONE

LSC = Life Safety Code
 IBC = International Building Code
 IFC = International Fire Code
 IMC = International Mechanical Code
 IFGC = International Fuel Gas Code

The appropriate codes and/or standards must be referenced on the drawings will be subject to disapproval. See the sample Code Summary for assistance in preparing a code summary.