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Codes and Standards Technical Committee

## Legacy Codes Available Online

For modern practitioners, the ability to view the code that was in place when a building was originally constructed can be a starting point for a contemporary code analysis. Older versions (pre-1964) of many model codes are often available online and are generally in the public domain as their copyrights were not renewed. The APT Building Technology Heritage Library (BTHL) has a goal of collecting and adding legacy codes to its growing library of historic technical literature. In some cases, legacy codes are already available through the Internet Archive, Google books, or various institutional collections. The BTHL can collect and add other public domain documents to make legacy code searches easier. The APT Codes and Standards Committee welcomes your research findings on legacy codes and standards.

- 1899 Building Code City of New York  
<https://archive.org/details/cu31924090411772>
- 1905 Chicago Building Code  
<https://archive.org/details/chicagobuilding00illgoog>
- 1905 Building Code – National Board of Fire Underwriters 1<sup>st</sup> Ed  
<https://archive.org/details/nationalbuildin02undegooq>
- 1907 Building Code – National Board of Fire Underwriters 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed  
<https://archive.org/details/nationalbuildin00undegooq>
- 1909 Building Code – National Board of Fire Underwriters, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed  
<https://archive.org/details/nationalbuildin01undegooq>
- 1914 Building Code – Industrial commission of Wisconsin  
<https://archive.org/details/buildingcode01wiscgoog>
- 1915 Building Code – National Board of Fire Underwriters  
<https://archive.org/details/buildingcoderec00undegooq>

- 1915 Building Code – Industrial commission of Wisconsin  
<https://archive.org/details/buildingcode00wiscgoog>
- 1922 Building Code – National Board of Fire Underwriters, NY  
<https://archive.org/details/nationalbuilding00amer>
- 1922 Building Code – City of New York  
<https://archive.org/details/cu31924004209601>
- 1924 Index summary of the new Chicago Building Code  
<https://archive.org/details/indexsummaryofne00redd>
- 1929 Building Code of the City of New York  
<https://archive.org/details/buildingcodeofci00newy>
- 1934 Building Code – National Board of Fire Underwriters  
<https://archive.org/details/BuildingCodeRecommendedByTheNationalBoardOfFireUnderwritersAn>
- 1937 Chapters ... of the building code of Chicago  
<https://archive.org/details/chaptersofbuildi00chic>
- 1939 Index Summary of the Chicago Building Code  
<https://archive.org/details/indexsummaryofne00redd>
- 1952 National Plumbing Code Illustrated  
<https://archive.org/details/VincentTManasTheNationalPlumbingCodeIllustrated0001>
- 1991 Uniform Building Code  
<https://archive.org/details/gov.law.icbo.building.1991>

## Uniform Building Code

The University of California Library has digitized the Uniform Building Code (UBC) for the following years

[http://digitalassets.lib.berkeley.edu/ubc/ubc\\_earlyyears.html](http://digitalassets.lib.berkeley.edu/ubc/ubc_earlyyears.html)

1927, 1935, 1937, 1940, 1943, 1946, 1952, 1955, 1958, 1961, 1964

Note: All of the Uniform Building Codes from 1927 – 1964 were added to the Building Technology Heritage Library.

## Chicago Building Ordinance 1898 - 1938

The Chicago Building Ordinance from 1898 through 1938 was included in the annual editions of the Handbook for Architects and Builders published by the Illinois Society of Architects:

1898 Volume 1: Handbook for Architects and Builders

<https://archive.org/details/handbookforarchi01illi/page/68>

The complete run of this series is available from Archive.org so all versions of the Chicago Building Ordinance are available through 1938

