

# A Primer on the HUD Code

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This past January, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published its “third set” final rule amending the HUD Code. The effective date was originally March 15, 2021. However, in response to requests from several manufacturers struggling with delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD agreed to postpone implementation. The new date, Monday, July 12, gave manufacturers and other stakeholders more time to navigate production backlogs and implement the required system updates necessary to comply with the new regulations.

While the final rule is important, perhaps a more fundamental question is: How is the HUD Code even updated?

For many manufactured home professionals, how the HUD Code is updated remains cloaked in a bit of mystery.

**Devin Leary-Hanebrink** (Washington, DC) authored a two-part column for *MH Insider* to help readers better understand the HUD Code and the rulemaking process.

The first part covers the Manufactured Home Consensus Committee, or MHCC, a federal advisory committee that provides recommendations to HUD regarding the adoption, revision, and interpretation of the manufactured housing construction and safety standards and the procedural and enforcement regulations (more commonly referred to as the HUD Code), among other responsibilities.

Part II discusses the steps that go into amending the HUD code, from gathering proposals and preparing a federal register notice to the final rule.

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