



**WHY YOU SHOULD HIRE AN
INTERIOR ARCHITECT FOR YOUR
PROJECTS AND GO GREEN FOR
THE SUMMER MONTHS AHEAD**

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Building codes and standards; design technology; structural technical design; anthropometrics; sustainability; materials and color theory: interior architects are raising the bar in interior design.

As early as 6000 – 2000BC, interiors were decorated with rugs and tapestry from animal furs for warmth and sound isolation, and stories of their lives filled their walls as art. A balance in color and shapes coming together and interior design was a part of human nature.

The Code of Hammurabi, dating from circa 1758 BC, has the earliest known written building codes. Designers and builders received severe punishment if homes were to collapse onto a householder. As time goes forward, many studies revealed what keeps an interior to follow both form and function. Without them, we would still have wooden chimneys!

In 2000, the International Residential Codes were established along with the International Building Codes. These codes were brought together from national governments, states, and local ordinances and considered to be the most relevant to today's world. They not only cover the obvious building codes, but the standards of materials and decor that will be placed throughout the property that is to protect the health and safety of the people and planet.

Brand new residential and hospitality builds follow current city, state, and international codes and ordinances that protect the safety of mankind. Buildings that were built before 2000, should have a professional determine if they are up to date on the compliance and make proactive implementation.

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According to the U.S. News, most general inspections of an old house or commercial building do not check for code compliance, rather general issues that are left with a note saying “doesn’t meet current standards” without addressing the problem. If a new, freshly installed water heater fails local standard it may or may not get fixed unless the violation is serving as a health threat or bothers others. However, if there is a code violation, then is it not affecting people and planet in some way? The only time that these codes are more closely watched is when there is a complete rehabilitation of a room or whole building.

Modern codes and building requirements have made it possible for all spaces to be functional with low carbon footprint without risking time, funds, or square footage. It is now noted that sustainability, universal, and barrier-free concepts all go together. These concepts start early in the design phase where planning and renders are developed and lasts well until after the space is occupied to analyze user experience. The overall concept is making spaces more habitable. Materials, time, and energy are streamlined by interior architects, making a positive impact on occupant health, ensuring comfort, limiting costs, and improving marketability.

When considering an interior architect and designer, make sure to find that their qualifications accompany the codes and standards for this modern world.

Hire CIA before the summer to see that codes and sustainability are up to date in your investments.

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