



Information for Designers

Local Design Criteria for Franklin County

This information is provided for use by builders and designers and is in accordance with the 2015 editions of the Virginia USBC, the International Building Code and the International Residential Code.

Residential 1&2 Family Construction Design Parameters VRC

Table R301.2 (1)

	Ground Snow Load	Wind Speed MPH V_{3s}	Seismic Design Category	Subject to Damage From				Winter Design Temp	Ice Shield Req?	Flood Hazards
				Weathering	Frost Depth	Termite	Decay			
Franklin County	25 psf	115	B	Severe	18"	Moderate - Heavy	Slight - Moderate	16°F	No	Note 4
Roanoke City	30 psf	90	B	Severe	18"	Moderate - Heavy	Slight - Moderate	16°F	No	Note 1
Roanoke County	30 psf	115	B	Severe	24"	Moderate - Heavy	Slight - Moderate	16°F	No	Note 3
Salem	30 psf	115	B	Severe	24"	Moderate - Heavy	Slight - Moderate	16°F	No	Note 2

Commercial Construction Design Parameters VCC

Chapter 16 and ASCE 7-2005

	Ground Snow Load	Wind Speed MPH V_{3s}	Spectral Response Acceleration		Frost Depth	Weathering	Flood Hazards
			S_s %g	S_1 %g			
Franklin County	25 psf	115	28 %*	7%*	18"	Severe	Note 4
Roanoke City	30 psf	90	28 %*	7%*	18"	Severe	Note 3
Roanoke County	30 psf	115	28 %*	7%*	24"	Severe	Note 2
Salem	30 psf	115	28 %*	7%*	24"	Severe	Note 4

*Interpolated values from IBC figures 1613.5(1) and 1613.5(2); reference IBC tables 1613.3.5(1) and 1613.3.5(2) for seismic design category. More conservative spectral response coefficients are permitted.

Additional Design Information

Current Code Editions	Miscellaneous Data
2015 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code Effective 09/04/2019 Referenced Codes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2015 International Building Code ▪ 2015 International Plumbing Code ▪ 2015 International Mechanical Code ▪ 2015 International Fuel Gas Code ▪ 2015 International Energy Conservation Code ▪ 2015 International Residential Code ▪ 2015 International Existing Building Code ▪ 2009 ANSI A117.1 Accessible & Usable Buildings & Facilities ▪ 2013 NFPA 13 Standard for the Installation of Sprinklers ▪ 2013 NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm Code ▪ 2014 NFPA 70 National Electrical Code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wind Exposure (IBC Sec. 1609.4) - Category B ▪ Yearly Heating Degree Days – 4,150 ▪ Yearly Cooling Degree Days – 1,154 ▪ Climate Zone – 4 ▪ Mean Annual Temperature – 55° ▪ Air Freezing Index – 250 ▪ Latitude: 37° 19' N ▪ Longitude: 79° 58' W

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Notes:

1. Entered NFIP - 1974 Current FIRM adopted – 09/28/2007 Community Number - 510130 (Roanoke City)
2. Entered NFIP - 1974 Current FIRM adopted – 09/28/2007 Community Number - 510141 (Salem City)
3. Entered NFIP - 1974 Current FIRM adopted – 09/28/2007 Community Number - 510190 (Roanoke County)
4. Entered NFIP-1974 Current FIRM adopted- 09/28/2007 Community Number- 510060 (Franklin County)