

AGENDA



Thursday, March 20, 2008

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 39**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending: (1) provisions of the 2006 International Residential Code relating to inspector qualifications and requirements for exterior walls; and (2) provisions of the 2003 Plumbing Code relating to permitting, inspection, and registration. (Suggested date and time: March 27, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals.

Prior Council Action: Adoption of the 2006 International Residential Code, as well as local amendments to that code and the 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code, on October 18, 2007.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 25-12, Article 11 of the City Code (Residential Code) further these objectives: (a) improve consistency with setback requirements for single-family residences by reducing exterior wall separation to between 3 to 5 feet, depending on fire resistance; and (b) establish minimum requirements for city residential inspectors. These amendments were recommended by the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 25-12, Article 6 of the City Code (Plumbing Code) eliminate duplicate section numbers by: (a) renumbering an existing provision authorizing licensed plumbers to perform certain activities in registered industrial plants without obtaining a permit; and (b) eliminating the alternative booklet permit program, which allows master plumbers and licensed irrigators to obtain permits for later use in certain plumbing and irrigation activities.