Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 44

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Sections 25-12-241 and 25-12-243 relating to permitting and energy efficiency requirements of the 2006 International Residential Code. (Suggested date and time: April 8, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

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

Prior Council Action: March 27, 2008 - Council adopted the Amended 2006 International Residential Code.

The Residential Code provides minimum requirements to address the design and construction of one and two-family dwellings and townhouses.

The proposed amendments will establish minimum requirements for application and permit expiration times, and codify the process for determining whether a permit that has not received inspections within a 180-day period has remained active due to ongoing work necessary to complete the project. The ordinance also deletes requirements for energy efficiency, which are updated by the new Energy Code, and includes an amendment limiting changes to approved construction plans.

These amendments were recommended by the Building Fire Code Board of Appeals.