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

Item No. 46

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider second/third readings of 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. Recommended by the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals. (Suggested date and time: May 27, 2010, 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St., Austin, TX).

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

March 11, 2010 - Council set the public hearing for April 8, 2010. April 8, 2010 - Council approved ordinance on first reading.

On April 8, 2010, the Council approved first reading of an ordinance relating to permitting and energy efficiency requirements of the 2006 International Residential Code. Council continued the public hearing to allow for additional consideration of proposed revisions related to reactivation of expired building permits.

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.