

AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 143

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider second/third readings of an ordinance repealing and replacing Article 1 of City Code Chapter 25-12 to adopt the 2009 International Building Code and local amendments; and amending Article 13 of City Code Chapter 25-12 related to permit application and expiration requirements.

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

Prior Council Action: December 15, 2005 - City Council adopted the 2003 International Building Code with local amendments.

March 11, 2010 - The City Council set the public hearing for April 8, 2010. April 8, 2010 - City Council approved first reading. May 27, 2010 - Council postponed second/third readings to June 24, 2010.

On April 8, 2010, the Council approved first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2009 International Building Code and local amendments. The Council also directed that the code revisions be written to address the issue of reactivation of expired building permits.

The International Building Code provides minimum requirements to provide safe building systems for the protection of public health and welfare.

The proposed ordinance establishes local amendments to address particular installations and establishes minimum construction standards for Commercial Buildings.

The proposed ordinance will address the following:

- a) Clarify code requirements for existing buildings;
- b) synchronizes the time limitation of permit application provisions with the Land Development Code (LDC), adds language to provide timelines on permit application expiration and permit expiration provisions, and aligns the timelines with the LDC, including a review fee for expired permits;
- c) includes requirements to facilitate increased fire safety for institutional occupancies;
- d) includes increased fire safety for residential occupancies;
- e) includes updated accessibility requirements that synchronize with the Texas Accessibility Standards;
- f) includes egress and emergency response requirements in high hazard occupancies;
- g) includes updated automatic sprinkler system requirements in certain assembly occupancies;
- h) language directly correlated with the Fire Code to better ensure consistent construction practices;
- i) includes language aiding in the understanding of smoke control requirements;
- j) requirements for minimum exit enclosure separation distance for all buildings in order to help facilitate egress and emergency response; and
- k) updated language for occupied rooftops to ensure safety.