

Recommendation for Council Action

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Meeting Date: 10/20/2011 Department: Planning and Development Review

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-12-133, Article 5 of the City Code (Mechanical Code) amending certain local amendments.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council Action:	October 1, 2010: Council adopted the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code and local amendments. August 18, 2011: Council set a public hearing for September 22, 2011. September 22, 2011: Council postponed item to October 20, 2011.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Board.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Uniform Mechanical Code provides a national standard for mechanical construction for commercial structures. The proposed ordinance amends Section 308 of the local amendments under Section 25-12-133, to create consistency with the Electrical Code.

Highlights for the draft ordinance are as follows:

- Equipment requiring electrical connections greater than 50-volt (roof top air units, exhaust fans) requires a disconnect. A factory supplied disconnect will satisfy this requirement.
- Requires a 120-volt receptacle on the same level as the equipment. The 120-volt receptacle must be located within 25 feet of the equipment for service and maintenance purposes.
- Creates consistency with the electrical code.

These changes in the local amendments have no impact on housing affordability.