

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 144

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and 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.

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

Prior Council Action: 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 first reading of an ordinance relating to requirements of the 2006 International Residential Code. May 27, 2010 - Council postponed second/third readings to June 24, 2010.

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. The Council directed that the code revisions be written to address the issue of 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.