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May 10, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Alan Schumann- Chairman of the Building and Fire Board of Appeals

Date: March 24, 2021

Subject: Recommendation for Council Action: 2021 International Fire Code (IFC) Ordinance

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

At the May 7, 2021 virtual special meeting of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals, the Board met regarding the adoption of the 2021 International Fire Code. The meeting was held via video and telephone conference due to stay at home orders. As such there was no Citizen Communication, nor was there a Public Hearing. Members present were Alan Schumann, Chair, Aubrey Brasfield, Vice Chair and board members Marco Fiorilo, Ron Buys, Ashley Juraska and Tim Arndt.

After review and considerable discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chair Brasfield, and seconded by Chair Schumann, to recommend the City Council adopt the 2021 International Fire Code with local amendments as written by staff. After further discussion, member Buys made a friendly amendment to maintain published code for 510.1 Exception 1 and 907.2.13.2, related to communication systems, which was acceptable to staff, and add language for ventilation for 1207.6.6.1. Regarding 1207.6.6.1, Chair Schumann suggested staff be allowed to consider an alternative method of compliance, which was acceptable to member Buys and Vice Chair Brasfield. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Sincerely,

Alan Schumann

Chair, Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

Xc: Building and Fire Board members  
Denise Lucas, Director, Development Services Department  
Beth Culver, Building Official, Development Service Department  
Rick Holloway, Assistant Director, Development Service Department  
Kelly Stilwell, Chief Building Inspector, Development Service Department  
Todd Wilcox, Div. Mgr. Comm. Bldg. Inspections, Development Service Department  
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