



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1955, **Agenda Item #:** 57.

6/3/2021

### **Posting Language**

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance repealing and replacing Article 6 of City Code Chapter 25-12 (Technical Codes) to adopt the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code and local amendments; and creating offenses.

### **Lead Department**

Development Services Department

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

June 8, 2017 - Council adopted the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code and local amendments on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Houston's second on a 9-0 vote. Council Members Garza and Kitchen were absent.

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

March 26, 2021 - Adoption of the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code and related local amendments unanimously recommended by the Mechanical & Plumbing Board on a 9-0 vote.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) establishes minimum requirements to provide safe and sanitary plumbing systems for the protection of public health and welfare. The proposed ordinance reduces local amendments and decreases conflicting information. The Development Services Department obtained stakeholder feedback through the Public Input platform.

Significant changes for the adoption of the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code include:

- Relocated all bathroom design criteria to the Building code.

Highlights of the local amendments include:

- Large number of previous amendments are now part of published code.
- Moved all testing requirement processes to the Building Criteria Manual.
- Modified two-way cleanouts to allow use on all pipe sizes.
- Provided exception to pipe labeling when cross connection hazard does not exist.

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- Provided water heater installation location limitations on commercial buildings.
  - Removed additional drain installation requirements for accessible showers.
  - Added a requirement for a water protection device on private fire lines.
  - Added an exception to rooftop guardrails when permanent fall arrest systems are in place.