



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-2036, **Agenda Item #:** 58.

6/3/2021

### **Posting Language**

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance repealing and replacing Article 5 of City Code Chapter 25-12 (Technical Codes) to adopt the 2021 Uniform Mechanical Code and local amendment; 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 Mechanical Code and local amendments on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Renteria'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 Mechanical Code and related local amendments unanimously recommended by the Mechanical & Plumbing Board on a 9-0 vote.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Uniform Mechanical Code establishes minimum requirements to provide safe and efficient heating, ventilating, cooling, and refrigeration systems. The proposed ordinance reduces local amendments while addressing industry preferences. The Development Services Department obtained stakeholder feedback through the Public Input platform.

Significant changes for the Adoption of the 2021 Uniform Mechanical Code include:

- Clothes dryer installation incorporates all the requirements from the International Mechanical Code.
- Hazardous materials exhaust incorporates the requirements from the International Mechanical Code.

Highlights of the local amendments include:

- Clarifications on exhaust terminations.
- Large number of previous amendments are now part of the published code.

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- Added additional exemptions from permitting.
  - Provided some advantages for designing in public areas for equipment access.
  - Prohibited the installation of condensate removal system that slights the water into the atmosphere.
  - Provided exception to rooftop guardrail requirement when permanent fall arrest systems are in place.
  - All labeling and listing requirements mirror published code.