

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 4/2/2019

DEPARTMENT: Fire

STAFF CONTACT: Jeff DeGraffenreid / Mark Wassom

SUBJECT: Discussion regarding proposed amendments to Titles 15 and 16 of the Olathe Municipal Code concerning adoption and amendment of the 2018 International Codes.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Discussion regarding proposed amendments to Titles 15 and 16 of the Olathe Municipal Code concerning adoption and amendment of the 2018 International Codes relating to building, residential, existing buildings, plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, electrical, energy conservation, swimming pool, property maintenance and fire codes.

SUMMARY:

The City currently uses the 2012 Edition of the International Codes related to building, residential, existing buildings, plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, electrical, energy conservation, swimming pool, property maintenance and fire codes. These editions with local amendments were adopted in April of 2013.

Maintaining current codes is important to support safety, innovation, development, resilience and sustainability. The model codes are updated every three years. The jurisdictions in Johnson County have traditionally adopted every other edition, so the local code updates are done on a six-year cycle. Other cities in the County and across the nation have adopted or will be adopting these same codes. Having consistent codes throughout the county and region helps architects, engineers, developers and builders design and construct projects more efficiently. Staff participated in multiple task groups focused on consistency in codes across the region dating back to the Spring of 2018. These groups include the Johnson County Building Officials Association Code Committee and the metro wide Code Adoption Task Force sponsored by the Metro Fire Chief's Association. These meetings were also attended by the Home Builder's Association and other interested parties.

Staff has invested a significant amount of time in the review and preparation of this proposed adoption through careful study of the significant changes throughout more than 4,000 pages of code text within the eleven model codes proposed for adoption. Our review, and the recommendations of the task groups formed the basis for our adoption proposals. We conducted several meetings with the Home Builder's Association, Board of Code Review and the public to review the proposed amendments and to receive feedback from all interested parties. The documents presented for your review are the product of this extensive work and the feedback we received from our peers and customers. This will be back in the near future for consideration for adoption.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

ACTION NEEDED:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

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- A. Code Update Report
- B. Code Amendment Summary
- C. Ordinance 19-XX 15.02 Building Code
- D. Ordinance 19-XX 15.04 Residential Code
- E. Ordinance 19-XX 15.06 Existing Building Code
- F. Ordinance 19-XX 15.08 Plumbing Code
- G. Ordinance 19-XX 15.10 Mechanical Code
- H. Ordinance 19-XX 15.12 Fuel Gas Code
- I. Ordinance 19-XX 15.14 Electrical Code
- J. Ordinance 19-XX 15.16 Energy Conservation Code
- K. Ordinance 19-XX 15.20 Swimming Pool and Spa Code
- L. Ordinance 19-XX 15.22 Property Maintenance Code
- M. Ordinance 19-XX 16.05 Fire Code