

2018
International Codes
Adoption

Community Development



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City staff recommends adoption
of the 2018 Family of
International Codes
including:



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- International Building Code
- International Residential Code
- International Fire Code
- International Existing Building Code
- International Property Maintenance Code



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- International Fuel Gas Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Plumbing Code
- International Energy Conservation Code
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code



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- Adoption of the 2018 code editions includes a new Municipal Code section to simplify enforcement for all 10 of the codes.



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- Also being codified in the Municipal Code is the existing “Electrical Administrative Provisions” first adopted by the City with the 2014 National Electric Code.



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A Quick recap...

- Currently enforcing the 2012 editions of the International Codes
- 2012 editions have become outdated, their application more archaic and new building technology and updates to life-safety provisions are not represented under older editions



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- A majority of metro area communities have begun migrating to the 2018 editions
- Design professionals are required to utilize the latest national design standards and latest code editions
- Work plan objective is to adopt new code editions within twenty four months of publication



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- Council does not support fire-sprinkler provisions for one- and two-family dwellings and town houses under the IRC.
- Amendments have been added removing these provisions.



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- Council supports a six month transition for updates of residential master model plans and for full compliance with the more restrictive energy conservation provisions.



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We have been busy...

- Communicating with home builders and stakeholders
- Providing amendments and explanations
- Responding to inquiries and explaining transition processes
- Updating customer information documents



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Home builders are ready...

- Many have begun updating master model plans
- Submitting updated energy code calculations / conservation packages
- Metro HBA provided a letter of support



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- Staff recommends adoption of the 2018 Family of International Codes and proceeding to the Public Hearing and 2nd reading on November 4th



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Next steps:

- 2nd Reading – Nov. 4th
- Continued outreach to home builders and other stake holders preparing them for transitioning to the 2018 editions!



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Questions?

