



Community Development Department

DATE: January 11th, 2020

FROM: Ben Ehreth, Community Development Director

ITEM: Bismarck Building Code and Fire Prevention Code – Building Regulation Ordinance Text Amendment

REQUEST

The City of Bismarck Community Development Department – Building Inspections Division is initiating a building regulations ordinance text amendment in order to update the City of Bismarck Building Code and Fire Prevention Code.

Please place this item on the January 28th, 2020 City Commission meeting agenda and the February 11th, 2020 City Commission meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed amendments will update the City of Bismarck Building Code to the 2018 International Building Code (IBC), International Residential Code (IRC), International Mechanical Code (IMC), International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) International Existing Building Code (IEBC) and the Bismarck Fire Prevention Code to the 2018 International Fire Code.

These International Codes published by the International Code Council are nationally recognized codes that are updated every three years and establish the minimum acceptable standards necessary for protecting the public health, safety, and welfare in the built environment.

The North Dakota Legislative Assembly mandates that the North Dakota State Building Code consist of the above referenced codes. The City of Bismarck has consistently adopted the same codes as the State of North Dakota. The proposed amendments provided in this text amendment include State of North Dakota amendments and local amendments.

The North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services announced its intentions to update and amend the State Building Code in 2019.

Proposed amendments received in May 2019 were reviewed and considered by the North Dakota Building Code Advisory Committee and posted on the Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services website.

A public hearing of the Building Code Advisory Committee to receive comments and develop recommendations on the proposed amendments was held in July 2019 and proposed amendments recommended by the Building Code Advisory Committee were posted on the Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services website in August 2019.

A meeting of eligible voting jurisdictions and voting individuals was held in September 2019.

The updated 2020 North Dakota State Building Code was recently posted on the Department of Commerce, Division of Community Service website in November 2019.

The State Building Code was effective January 1, 2020.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION

January 28th meeting – consider the building regulation ordinance text amendment as outlined in Ordinance 6403 and call for a public hearing on this item for the February 11th meeting.

February 11th meeting – hold a public hearing on the building regulation ordinance text amendment as outlined in Ordinance 6403 and take final action on the request.

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