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Adoption of 2024 International Codes With Amendments

Study Session Meeting | August 19, 2025

Requested By: Community Services



International Code Council Model Codes

Background

- 1** Currently under the 2018 International Codes with local amendments
- 2** North Central Texas Council of Governments – Regional amendments
- 3** City amends code sections to further assist customers with construction in Farmers Branch
- 4** City updates to the newest addition of the Model Codes

Significant Changes

2024 International Building Code

Updates work exempt from permits

Updated time limit on permit application to 120 days

Updated permit expiration to 120 days

Added a minimum work without permit fee of \$500

2024 International Residential Code

Updated work exempt from permits

Changed permit allocation expiration to 90 days

Changed permit expiration to 120 days

Added unsafe structure and equipment requirements

2024 International Plumbing Code

Changes to the protection to allow for other materials

Allow flexibility for customers for restroom fixtures

Adds exceptions to be compatible with the health code

2024 International Fire Code

- Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires, and portable outdoor fireplaces
 - Increase the weight load of fire department access roads
 - Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations
 - Electrical Hazards
 - Fire Hazards
 - Structural Hazards
 - Environmental Hazards
 - Human Factors
 - Cybersecurity Risks
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2024 International Mechanical Code

Add definitions to mitigate incorrect refrigerant concentrations

Amended requirements for attics and roof access for safety

Significant Changes

2024 International Fuel Gas Code

Added additional requirements for safe access to equipment

Added prohibited use of unvented room heaters in dwelling units

2023 National Electrical Code

Deleted the receptacle requirement for countertops and workspaces for design options

Adding requirements for emergency disconnects in dwelling units

Defined a plan of action for equipment that is compromised prior to restoration

2024 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

Prohibit chain link fencing as pool barriers to clarify specific Health and Safety Codes

Added a section to clarify specific distances for pools from foundations, footings, or retaining walls

2024 International Existing Building Code

Deleted Flood hazard sections—administered by PW

Added Texas Accessibility Criteria

Added fire sprinkler and alarm requirements to prevent partial protection issues

2024 International Energy Conservation Code

Amended nontransient dwelling unit ventilation system requirements

Deleted the solar-ready system requirements entirely

2024 International Property Maintenance Code and Minimum Security Standards for Multi-Family

IPMC- added violation penalties

Minimum security standards for multi-family complexes – restated as currently adopted

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What's Next

City Council Approval

City Council to review and approve 2024 Model Codes with amendments

Implementation

Codes to become effective **October 1, 2025**

Comprehensive Communication Plan:

- Enhanced City Website
- Social Media
- Targeted Emails
- Direct Customer Interactions

Questions



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