



City of Farmers Branch

Farmers Branch City Hall
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Farmers Branch, Texas
75234

Legislation Text

File #: ORD-3608, Version: 1

Consider adopting Ordinance No. 3608 amending Chapter 22, Article III.5 of the Farmers Branch Code of Ordinances by adopting the 2018 edition of the International Residential Code with local amendments; and take appropriate action

BACKGROUND:

Since January of 2016 the City has been using the 2015 International Residential Code. Model construction codes such as the IRC are updated and re-published on a three-year cycle. Staff is recommending updating to the most current edition, the 2018 International Residential Code. Some notable changes to the 2018 IRC include: updated and less conservative seismic zone maps and a new option for townhouse separation walls. Additionally, the header and girder lumber capacity span charts have eliminated #1 grade Southern Pine. Currently, most of our neighboring municipalities have adopted and are enforcing the 2018 IBC with the exception of the City of Coppell and the Town of Addison.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

1. No financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Administration recommends adopting Ordinance No. 3608, as presented.

POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION:

1. I move to adopt Ordinance No. 3608, as presented.
2. I move to adopt Ordinance No. 3608, with the following modifications.
3. I move to table the issue for further study or take no action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. 3608