

# AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	72838	Agenda Number	68.
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Meeting Date:	8/3/2017	Department:	Development Services
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### Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance relating to the 2015 International Fire Code and local amendments. (Suggested date and time: September 28, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

### Amount and Source of Funding

There is no financial impact for this item.

### Fiscal Note

There is no financial impact for this item.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 6, 2013 - Council adopted the 2012 International Fire Code with local amendments.
For More Information:	Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr 974-0131; Carl Wren 974-0191
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	July 27, 2016 – Approved by the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals on a 7- 0 vote with Commissioners Bess, Cannatti and Kiracofe absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

### Additional Backup Information

The International Fire Code provides statewide minimum requirements for life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises and provides safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

#### Key Changes to the Published Code:

- Section 409 Adds language to clarify the process and increase enforcement for Temporary Change of Use Permits for Special Events.
- Section 907.2 Clarifies language on manual fire alarm boxes and allows alternative means for compliance.
- Section 907.2.7 Language is codified in the 2015 Fire Code, so removed for redundancy.
- Section 907.2.8.2 Clarifies “exterior exit access.”
- Section 907.5.2.1.1 Add requirement for alarm audibility on balconies for occupiable spaces.
- Section 907.6.1 Adds Surge Protection Devices to protect Data Communications and Fire Alarm Circuits which

has become problematic with recent severe storm damage (lightning).

- Section 909.22 Adds design requirements for Smoke Control Systems in pressurized stairs and vestibules.
- Section 1025.6 Adds and Clarifies 6 alternative methods of compliance permitted for egress lighting for certain occupancies.