



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-2160, **Agenda Item #:** 51.

6/4/2020

### **Posting Language**

Conduct a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-12 (*Technical Codes*) to adopt the 2018 International Swimming Pool & Spa Code and local amendments; and amending Chapter 10-7 (*Pools and Spas*) to conform with the amendments to Chapter 25-12 (*Technical Codes*).

### **Lead Department**

Development Services Department

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

April 22, 2020 - Adoption of the 2018 International Swimming Pool & Spa Code was recommended by the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals with a vote of 6-0 with Board Members Wilsford, Sybesma, Johns and Fiorilo absent and one vacancy.

April 29, 2020 - Adoption of the 2018 International Swimming Pool & Spa Code was recommended by the Mechanical and Plumbing Board with a vote of 7-0 with Board Members Hernandez, Mohammad, Dixon and Seaborn absent.

May 20, 2020 - Adoption of the 2018 International Swimming Pool & Spa Code will be presented to the Electrical Board for recommendation.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2858 (HB 2858), which adopts the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as the municipal swimming pool and spa code within the State. HB 2858, codified as Section 214.103 of the Texas Local Government Code, applies to all construction, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, and repair of swimming pools and spas in municipalities that elect to regulate pools or spas beginning September 1, 2020. The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code will standardize pool and spa construction, which will help swimming pool contractors and responsible parties accomplish these tasks. Both the Austin Public Health and the Development Services Departments have proposed minor local amendments. The Development Services Department obtained stakeholder feedback through the SpeakUp Austin platform. The 2018 International Swimming Pool & Spa Code is similar to existing City Code regulations. The local amendments include:

- Section 103.1 (Authority) Clarifies responsibilities under Development Services and Austin Public

Health.

- Section 305.2.7 (Chain Link Dimensions) Adds performance measures and height measurements details.