Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1783, **Agenda Item #:** 43.   5/6/2021

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance repealing and replacing Article 11 of City Code Chapter 25-12 (Technical Codes) to adopt the 2021 International Residential Code and local amendments. (Suggested date: June 3, 2021, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St., Austin, TX)

Lead Department

Development Services

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

April 6, 2017 - Council adopted the 2015 International Residential Code and local amendments on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Flannigan's second on a 9-2 vote. Council Members Alter and Pool voted against.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 24, 2021 - Adoption of the 2021 International Residential Code and related local amendments recommended by the Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals on a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Sybesma abstained.

Additional Backup Information:

The International Residential Code (IRC) provides minimum requirements to address the design and construction of one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses. The proposed ordinance reduces the amount of local amendments, clarifies existing amendments, and increases exemptions from permitting. Appendix J in the 2021 IRC covers repair, alteration, and additions to existing buildings while achieving appropriate levels of safety without requiring full compliance with the new construction requirements. The Development Services Department obtained stakeholder feedback through the Public Input platform.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Government that Works for All