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September 18, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Alan Schumann, Chair, Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

Meeting date: August 28, 2024

Subject: Recommendation 20240828-2 for Council Action: 2024 IRC

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

At the August 28, 2024 regular meeting, the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals held a public hearing regarding the adoption of the 2024 International Residential Code. Board members present were Alan Schumann, Chair, Aubrey Brasfield, Vice Chair, and board members Ben Abzug, Ron Buys, Oren Mitzner, Gary Wilks and Jim Rumbo. Absent from the meeting was Allison Satt.

The Development Services Department began the presentation and there were few questions. The Board had been briefed on the 2024 International Residential Code and proposed amendments at our past meetings by Ben Flick and Todd Wilcox, Development Service Department. As there were no public speakers, Chair Schumann closed the public hearing.

After review with Board Members and Staff, the Board agreed with staff amendments. Oren Mitzner made a motion to recommend the City Council adopt the 2024 International Residential Code with local amendments as written by staff, and two Board amendments. First, add and codify current interpretations for triplexes into the IRC. Second, clarify the 30-inch opening for bathroom visitability to be a 30-inch by 30-inch floorspace minimum. The motion was seconded by Jim Rumbo. The Board members voted and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Sincerely,

Alan Schumann

Chair, Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

Xc: Building and Fire Code Board of Appeal board members
Denise Lucas, Director, Development Services Department
Beth Culver, Building Official, Development Service Department
Rick Holloway, Assistant Director, Development Service Department.
Kelly Stilwell, Chief Building Inspector, Development Service Department
Todd Wilcox, Commercial Building Division Manager, Development Service Department
Eric Zimmerman, Residential Building Division Manager, Development Service Department