



MEMORANDUM

TO: Building and Standards Commission

FROM: Suzanne Arnold, Chief Building Official

DATE: January 24, 2017

REF: Code Adoption

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing to consider approval of the 2015 International Building Codes

EXPLANATION:


Members of the Building and Standards Commission,

On February 2nd, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the Commission is convening to conduct a public hearing to review and recommend for adoption the 2015 International Code Series, including the 2015 Building, Residential, Existing Building, Energy, Property Maintenance, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fuel Gas, and Fire Codes. Please note that the City is not seeking to adopt a new edition of the National Electric Code, as the 2014 edition that the City adopted previously is still current and in widespread use.

Every three years, the International Code Council publishes new editions of its Codes, reflecting the latest technologies and methods in construction. These Codes are the product of years of research and input by code officials, designers, and construction industry professionals, culminating in public hearings and global voting on proposed changes. It is vital that the City of Coppell stay on the leading edge of building regulations in order to build and maintain a safe and efficient community.

The International Codes allow for jurisdictions to adopt amendments to the Codes to reflect local and regional practices. The City's proposed amendments to the 2015 Codes are based largely on the amendments to the 2012 editions, with additional input from the North Central Texas Council of Governments' recommended Code amendments. For your reference, the NCTCOG recommended building code amendments are available at www.nctcog.org.

Respectfully,



Suzanne Arnold, CBO

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The International family of Codes has served the City of Coppell well through the years. As the Codes evolve, so must the City. Staff believes that these Codes further the City's goal of creating a family community for a lifetime.

It is staff's recommendation to adopt the proposed 2015 International Codes with these amendments.

CODE ADOPTION **NORTH TEXAS CITIES**

CITIES USING 2015 CODES	CITIES USING PREVIOUS CODES
Carrollton	Grapevine (2009)
Farmers Branch	Little Elm (2012)
Irving	Denton (2012)
Lewisville	Dallas (2012)
Southlake	Addison (2012)
Flower Mound	Colleyville (2012)
Garland	North Richland Hills (2012)
Richardson	McKinney (2012)
Fort Worth	Prosper (2012)
Keller	Wylie (2012)
Plano	Murphy (2006)
Frisco	Arlington (2009)
Grand Prairie	Allen (2009)
DFW Airport	The Colony (2012)
Hurst	University Park (2009)
Bedford	Rowlett (2012)
Euless	Mesquite (2009)
Highland Park	
Highland Village	