

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Presentation and discussion regarding the 2018 International Building Codes

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Council District: City-wide

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This presentation will provide an understanding of how and why building codes get changed, and what our role is in adopting these building codes. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss some of the updates from our currently adopted codes.

The City of New Braunfels has currently adopted the 2015 International Building Codes, with the exception of the 2014 National Electric Code and the 2012 International Energy Code. New codes are updated every three years through a transparent and democratic process administered by the International Code Council (ICC) and the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA). In August of 2017 the ICC published the 2018 International Code set.

The Fire Marshal's Office and the Building Division have been reviewing the updates. Staff held a public meeting on October 5, 2018 with builders, developers, designers and the school districts to discuss some of the published changes.

Our residents benefit from having current Building Codes adopted. Their homeowners' insurance rate is based on a number of things including is how current the City's Building Codes are and how they are enforced.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

City Plan/Council Priority:
Envision New Braunfels

Action 3.6 Pro-actively provide a regulatory environment that remains business and resident friendly. **Action 6.12** Implement measures to maintain an ISO rating of 1 for Fire Protection to ensure the safety of all residents and to keep property insurance rates low. Building Codes provide a minimum standard for building regulation, which protects the health and safety of the residents of New Braunfels.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A