Legislation Text

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FROM:

Building & Safety

SUBJECT:

Second Reading and Public Hearing for the Adoption of the 2022 Edition of the California Building Standards Code and Corresponding Base Model Codes

RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCIL GOALS:

- To improve public safety by incorporating current technologies in the construction and maintenance of buildings, housing and fire prevention into the City's building codes.
- To promote economic development by being business friendly through the reduction of local amendments to the adopted codes.

DISCUSSION:

The California Health and Safety Code requires the City to update its codes, laws, and ordinances regulating building construction to keep up with the latest edition of the California Building Standards Code, known as the California Code of Regulations, Title-24. The 2022 California Building Standards Code - based on the 2021 editions of the model codes - was adopted by the California Building Standards Code with an effective date of January 1, 2023. The proposed Ordinance will adopt the 2022 Edition of the California Building Standards Code, which consists of the California Building Code, California Building Standards Code, California Plumbing Code, California Electrical Code, California Mechanical Code, California Existing Building Code, California Green Building Standards Code, and California Residential Code. The adoption of these codes will bring the City into compliance with State law, and incorporate current technologies in the construction and maintenance of buildings, housing and fire prevention into the City's building codes.

There are no new or increased fees being proposed with this ordinance.

The proposed Ordinance is substantially the same Ordinance as the Ordinance that adopted the previous editions of the California Building Standards Code except for the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code.

It should be noted that the wind provisions of the 2022 Edition of the California Residential Code and the 2022 Edition of the California Building Code have been adjusted to reflect the wind speeds as determined by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The City Attorney has reviewed the proposed Ordinance and has approved its content.

Copies of the Codes that are being considered for adoption are filed in the Clerk's Office of the City and are open to public inspection as required by Government Code Section 50022.6.

The required Notice of Hearing has been prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 50022.3.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

MOTION:

Approve staff recommendation.