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TO: Building Safety Code Board of Appeals

FROM: Nicholas P. Hanson, Building Official

DATE: 3/18/2023

SUBJECT: Adoption of the International Code Council's 2021 Code Series

Description

The Building Safety Code Board of Appeals is asked to review the Adopting Ordinance for the proposed Model Codes for the City of Urbana's adoption of the 2021 International Code Series. This code series will supersede and replace the 2009 Code series, which was adopted by the City in 2011.

Following review of the entire code series by the Building Safety Code Board of Appeals, City staff will make suggested changes and will bring an Ordinance to adopt the entire 2021 International Code Series before the City Council for their review and approval.

Attached to this memorandum are two versions of the proposed Adopting Ordinance, one tracking the changes and one being a "clean" copy of the Ordinance as it is proposed to read. Also, you will find relevant memos regarding significant code changes.

Background

The City has been adopting the International Code Council's model codes since 2003, allowing builders and designers to use these codes for a number of years, gaining experience and an understanding of their requirements.

During this code review City staff evaluated previous amendments and current code requirements. Many of the previous amendments were outdated and have been removed, City staff tried to make as few amendments as possible to this code series.

It is also important that the City of Urbana update to the 2021 ICC series in order to maintain currency with code practice and consistency with other nearby communities. In fact, the City of Champaign is currently working to adopt the 2021 codes series as well.

Options

1. The Board may recommend approval of the Adopting Ordinance to City Council without any modifications.
2. The Board may recommend approval of the Adopting Ordinance to City Council, along with certain specified modifications.
3. The Board may not recommend approval of the Adopting Ordinance. In this case, the Board should articulate its reasons to City staff and reconvene.

Recommendation

City staff recommends that the Building Safety Code Board of Appeals review the proposed Adopting Ordinance, hear from any individuals who have comments on the ordinance, and make recommendations for any necessary revisions.

Staff asks the Board to then forward an APPROVAL of the Adopting Ordinance, with any necessary changes, to the City Council for final adoption.

Attachments

2021 Model Codes
2021 Model Codes – Tracked changes from 2009
IBC Code – Significant Changes Memo
IRC Code – Significant Changes Memo
Electrical – Significant Changes Memo
PM Code – Significant Changes Memo
Fire Code – Significant Changes Memo