



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: April 4, 2022

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Agenda Item: First Reading Ordinance – Adoption of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code Version as Enforced by the Office of the State Fire Marshal

Explanation: Attached is an ordinance that would clarify the adoption and enforcement of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety 101 Code. An ordinance adopted in April 2021 changed the current adopted International Building Code (IBC), International Residential Code (IRC), and International Mechanical Code (IMC) from the 2012 to the 2018 editions. That ordinance was also intended to reflect a change of the currently adopted NFPA Code from the 2006 version to whichever version is enforced at the time by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), which became the 2015 edition effective on January 1, 2020. Illinois home rule municipalities have the option of either enforcing the OSFM-adopted code or another fire prevention and life safety code of its choosing.

The attached ordinance adds language to clarify the adoption of the currently enforced NFPA Life Safety 101 Code to whichever version is enforced by the OSFM. It also adds similar language to reflect the enforcement of the current versions of the National Electrical Code, which the City has historically enforced, and the Illinois Plumbing Code, which is mandated by state statute.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation/

Committee Discussion Summary: The Building Board of Review previously met and unanimously recommended approval of the adoption of the 2018 IBC, IRC, and IMC as well as the currently OSFM-adopted version of the NFPA Code. Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

Action Requested: Approval of the ordinance. A first reading ordinance is scheduled for April 4 and a second reading will be scheduled for April 18.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

(Synopsis: Approval of this ordinance would clarify that the City of Washington has adopted whichever version of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code that is being enforced by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as well as the current versions of the National Electrical Code and Illinois Plumbing Code).

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF
THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS BY AMENDING PART OF CHAPTER 160 ENTITLED
“BUILDING CODE”**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

Section 1. That § 160.003 of Chapter 160 of the Washington Municipal Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by deleting § 160.003 in its entirety and by substituting the following as § 160.003 in lieu thereof:

“§ 160.003 ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE & COMMENTARY, 2018 EDITION (IBC), INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE & COMMENTARY, 2018 EDITION (IRC), INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, 2018 EDITION (IMC), THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC), CURRENT EDITION, THE ILLINOIS PLUMBING CODE, CURRENT EDITION, AND THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE, EDITION ENFORCED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, BY REFERENCE

The International Building Code & Commentary, International Residential Code & Commentary, International Mechanical Code, the National Electrical Code, the Illinois Plumbing Code, and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, are adopted by reference as the Washington Building Code, in their entirety, excepting therefrom those insertions, additions, changes, and deletions hereinafter described in § 160.005.”

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effective after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Section 3. That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk