

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 6/23/14		Item Number: PH-7	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: –PUBLIC HEARING - Introduction of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Sub Chapter 15.02.100 of Title 15, Chapter 15.02 of the Culver City Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference the 2013 California Building Standards Administrative Code, 2013 California Building Code, 2013 California Residential Building Code, 2013 California Electrical Code, 2013 California Mechanical Code, 2013 California Plumbing Code, 2013 California Energy Code, 2013 California Historical Building Code, 2013 Existing Building Code, 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, and 2013 California Reference Standards Code; and Repealing and Reserving Chapter 15.04 of Title 15 in its Entirety.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Craig Johnson / Building Safety		Phone Number: (310) 253-5802	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☒		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Legal notice published in the Culver City News (xx/xx, 2014); Meetings and Agendas – City Council (06/17/14).			
Department Approval: Sol Blumenfeld: (6/10/14)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab: (by L. Vidra 6/11/14)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (06/17/14)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (06/17/14)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council conduct a Public Hearing and introduce an ordinance repealing and replacing Subchapter 15.02.100 of Title 15, Chapter 15.02 of the Culver City Municipal Code and adopt by reference the 2013 California Building Standards Administrative Code, 2013 California Building Code, 2013 California Residential Building Code, 2013 California Electrical Code, 2013 California Mechanical Code, 2013 California Plumbing Code, 2013 California Energy Code, 2013 California Historical Building Code, 2013 Existing Building Code, 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, and 2013 California Reference Standards Code, and repeal and reserve Chapter 15.04 of Title 15 in its entirety.

PROCEDURE:

1. Mayor seeks a motion to receive and file the affidavit for publishing a legal notice.
2. Mayor requests a brief staff report, and City Council poses questions to staff as desired.
3. Mayor seeks a motion to open the public hearing and invites public comments.

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4. Mayor seeks a motion to close the public hearing after all public testimony is presented.
5. City Council discusses the subject and arrives at its decision.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In 2013, the California Building Standards Commission adopted the Triennial Edition of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24 (California Building Standards Code), consisting of the 2013 California Building Standards Administrative Code, 2013 California Building Code, 2013 California Residential Building Code, 2013 California Electrical Code, 2013 California Mechanical Code, 2013 California Plumbing Code, 2013 California Energy Code, 2013 California Historical Building Code, 2013 Existing Building Code, 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, and 2013 California Reference Standards Code., as well as other regulations. All jurisdictions in California are required to adopt the California Codes based on the California Code of Regulations, Title 24.

The 2013 California Building Codes went into effect statewide on January 1, 2014, and are in effect in all jurisdictions in California as of that date whether adopted by local jurisdictions or not. Local jurisdictions may adopt amended versions of the California Codes but only if they are stricter than the base California Codes, and such amendments are subsequently approved by the California Building Standards Commission.

The 2013 California Energy Code, Part 6, the California Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 10, and the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, Part 11, went into effect on June 1, 2014.

Staff has recommended that Chapter 15.04 of Title 15 "Earthquake Hazard Reduction" be repealed in its entirety. The provisions of this Chapter were implemented for all specified unreinforced masonry structures pursuant to the compliance schedule in Table B of the Ordinance and it is no longer applicable.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact associated with adopting the updated Building Code regulations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Ordinance

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2. Current Chapter 15.02: Buildings, Structures, and Equipment
3. Notice of Public Hearing
4. Current Chapter 15.04

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Introduce an ordinance repealing and replacing Subchapter 15.02.100 of Title 15, Chapter 15.02 the Culver City Municipal Code and adopting by reference the 2013 California Building Standards Administrative Code, 2013 California Building Code, 2013 California Residential Building Code, 2013 California Electrical Code, 2013 California Mechanical Code, 2013 California Plumbing Code, 2013 California Energy Code, 2013 California Historical Building Code, 2013 Existing Building Code, 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, and 2013 California Reference Standards Code; and repealing and reserving Chapter 15.04 of Title 15 in its entirety.