

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 04/07/08		Item Number: <u>PH-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: A Public Hearing Concerning the Introduction of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Subchapter 15.02.100 of the Culver City Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference the 2007 California Building Standards Administrative Code, 2007 California Building Code, 2007 California Electrical Code, 2007 California Mechanical Code, 2007 California Plumbing Code 2007 California Energy Code, 2007 California Elevator Safety Construction Code, 2007 California Historical Building Code, 2007 California Code for Building Conservation, and 2007 California Reference Standards Code; and Repealing and Reserving Subchapters 15.02.200, 15.02.300 And 15.02.400.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Craig Johnson/Community Development - Building		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 (03/27/08); Master Notification List (04/02/08).			
Department Approval: Sol Blumenfeld (03/31/08)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (04/02/08)	
Fiscal Impact Approval: Jeff Muir (by N. Kimball)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (04/02/08)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council conduct a Public Hearing and introduce an ordinance adopting by reference the 2007 California Building Standards Administrative Code, Building Code, Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, Energy Code, Elevator Safety Construction Code, Historical Building Code, Code for Building Conservation, and Reference Standards Code. <u>PROCEDURE:</u> 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 opens public hearing and invites public comments. 4. Mayor seeks a motion to close the public hearing. 5. Based on public comment and staff research, City Council discusses the proposed recommendation and arrives at its decision.			

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BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The California Building Standards Commission in 2007 adopted the Triennial Editions of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, consisting of the 2007 California Building Standards Administrative Code, 2007 Building Code, 2007 Electrical Code, 2007 Plumbing Code, 2007 Energy Code, 2007 Elevator Safety Construction Code, 2007 Historical Building Code, 2007 Code for Building Conservation, and 2007 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 2007 California Codes are based on the 2006 International Codes, developed by the International Code Council ("ICC"), which combined the major model code groups into one council with the intent to create one universal code for the entire United States.

The former 2001 California Codes were based on the 1997 Uniform Building Codes (UBC) promulgated by the former International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO). The former UBC Codes and the former ICBO no longer exist; the former UBC Codes are replaced by the current International Codes and the former ICBO is now part of the current International Code Council (ICC).

The 2007 California Building Codes went into effect statewide January 1st, 2007 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 such amendments are stricter than the base California Codes and such amendments are subsequently approved by the California Building Standards Commission.

Staff is currently considering an amendment to the 2007 California Building Code regarding existing non-conforming assembly occupancy classifications, which will be brought for City Council review in the future.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

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1. Proposed Ordinance
2. Current Chapter 15.02: Buildings, Structures, and Equipment
3. Notice of Public Hearing

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Introduce an ordinance adopting by reference the 2007 California Building Standards Administrative Code, Building Code, Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, Energy Code, Elevator Safety Construction Code, Historical Building Code, Code for Building Conservation, and Reference Standards Code.