



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. XI. G  
2/13/2024

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

1. Ordinance to be introduced and set for final hearing February 27, 2024, relating to Building Code; repealing Article II, Divisions I and II, Sections 12-15 through 12-32 and Article VII, Division I, Sections 12-171 through 12-173 of Chapter 12, of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, in its entirety; enacting a new Article II, Divisions I and II, Sections 12-15 through 12-32 and Article VII, Division I, Sections 12-171 through 12-173, of Chapter 12, Building Code, providing for the adoption of the International Building Code, 2018 Edition, as amended by Resolution of Council; the International Existing Building Code, 2018 Edition, as amended by Resolution of Council; and the International Residential Building Code, 2018 Edition, as amended by Resolution of Council; providing for publication by summary; amending Article III Administration and Enforcement, Division I Administration, Section 12-53 Generally; and Article V Building Code of Appeals Board, Division II Appeals Procedure, Section 12-132 Time, Notice and Effect; and providing for an effective date of March 1, 2024; and declaring an emergency; and
2. Resolution be introduced and set for final hearing February 27, 2024, declaring the need for the adoption of the International Building Code, 2018 Edition, and providing certain local amendments to said codes; and
3. Resolution be introduced and set for final hearing February 27, 2024, declaring the need for the adoption of the International Existing Building Code, 2018 Edition, and providing certain local amendments to said codes; and
4. Resolution be introduced and set for final hearing February 27, 2024, declaring the need for the adoption of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings, 2018 Edition, and providing certain local amendments to said codes.

### **Purpose:**

To update the commercial building codes of The City of Oklahoma City by replacing the International Building Code, 2015 Edition, International Existing Building Code, 2015 Edition, and the International Residential Code, 2015 Edition, with the International Building Code, 2018 Edition, International Existing Building Code, 2018 Edition, and the International Residential Code, 2018 Edition, with local amendments.

### **Background:**

Municipalities may adopt national compilations or codes of law relating to building, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and fire regulations to protect public health and safety. The City has previously adopted the 2015 International Building Code, 2015 International Existing Building

Code, and the 2015 International Residential Code with local amendments as the Oklahoma City Commercial Building Code, Oklahoma City Existing Building Code, and Oklahoma City Residential Building Code respectively.

The attached resolutions will adopt the 2018 International Building Code, 2018 International Existing Building Code, and 2018 International Residential Building Code, with local amendments, as the Commercial Building Code, Existing Building Code, and Residential Building Code of the City of Oklahoma City. Significant changes to the Commercial Building Code and Existing Building Code include requirements for adult changing stations and educational use storm shelters. Changes to the International Residential Code are expected to have little impact.

The Development Services Department, the Residential Building Code Commission, and the Commercial Building Code Commission have reviewed the proposed changes and local amendments to the 2018 International Residential Code, 2018 International Existing Building Code, and 2018 International Building Code and recommends the changes be adopted.

The proposed ordinance to adopt the amended 2018 International Building Code, 2018 International Existing Building Code, and 2018 International Residential Code will make the changes to the Building Code, Existing Building Code, and Residential Code enforceable by law. The ordinance is scheduled to go into effect on the same day as are proposed amendments to the 2018 International Building Code, 2018 International Existing Building Code, and 2018 International Residential Code.

**Review:**

Development Services Department

**Recommendation:** Ordinance and Resolution be introduced set for final hearing February 27, 2024.