



Land Use & Environment Committee

Briefing on 2015 State adopted Building Codes for the City of Olympia

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive the briefing and provide guidance on a recommendation to the City Council to approve adoption of the 2015 State Building Codes

Report

Issue:

Whether to be briefed on the adoption of the 2015 State adopted Building Codes for the City of Olympia

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Background and Analysis:

Every three years, the construction code writing organizations update their respective technical and administrative codes. Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Section 19.27 requires that jurisdictions within the State of Washington adopt certain Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fire, Energy and Electrical Codes as required by the Washington State Building Codes Council (SBCC). These Codes have been published and are scheduled for implementation on July 1, 2016.

Building Official Cunningham and Assistant Fire Chief Bradley will provide the Committee with an

overview the required changes and will respond to questions from the Committee.

Neighborhood/Community Interests:

As part of the of code adoption process; various construction community groups such as the Olympia Master Builders and the Building Industry Association Washington which include a number of local contracting members have expressed interest in the upcoming codes. Staff is working with these organizations and design professionals to ensure there is an understanding of the upcoming revisions to the codes as they are adopted. Staff has addressed these interests by ensuring the City of Olympia engages in outreach and invitation to these groups to attend the same training our staff attends; we have in turn been invited to their training. Additionally, the City's website will be updated to ensure there is information available pertaining to these newly adopted codes.

Options:

Briefing only; the purpose of this briefing is to provide an overview of the proposed State Building Codes update before it is presented to the full council for adoption.

Financial Impact:

The associated fiscal impact is included in department budget for 2016.

Attachments:

List of State Building Codes being considered