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City Council

Adoption of the 2015 State-Mandated Building Code Revisions

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

The Land Use and Environment Committee recommends the City Council approve adoption of the 2015 State Building Codes.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the adoption of the 2015 State Building Codes on second reading.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the adoption of the 2015 State Building Codes.

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

Background and analysis has not changed from first to second reading.

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 adopted by the State Building Codes Council and are scheduled for implementation on July 1, 2016.

On May 19, 2016 the item was presented to the City of Olympia Land Use and Environment Committee for review. The Committee approved the item as presented and moved the item forward

to City Council for consent.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

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 code adoption and training. 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 training; we have in turn attended their training programs. Additionally, the City's website is being updated to ensure there is information available pertaining to these newly adopted codes.

Options:

1. Approve the adoption of the 2015 State Building Codes.

2. Do not approve the adoption of the 2015 State Building Codes.

The Codes are mandated by the State on July 1, 2016 as written. If the City does not adopt the codes, they will be implemented as written

Financial Impact:

The associated fiscal impact is included in department budget for 2016

Attachments:

None