

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Ben Abbey, Chief Building Official
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SUBJECT: Building Safety Month Presentation

MEETING DATE: May 5, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: No action needed

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.2 Community Engagement: Broaden and deepen engagement of the community in city government, innovating methods for inviting input from the community and stakeholders.

BACKGROUND:

Building safety affects us all – it’s important to help spread the message about the need for safe, affordable, sustainable, and resilient buildings and encourage others to get involved. The International Code Council (ICC) launched Building Safety Month to engage and educate the public about building life safety. The ICC family of codes is the national standard adopted by the State of Montana for our model building codes. In Bozeman, these codes are implemented and enforced by the Building Division of the Community Development Department.

The 2026 campaign theme is “**Built to Last**” and includes these special weekly themes:

- **Week 1: Safe Homes, Strong Communities** (May 1–10) focuses on simple actions homeowners can take to improve safety at home.
- **Week 2: Voices of the Built Environment** (May 11–17) spotlights building safety professionals and the roles they play in keeping communities safe.
- **Week 3: Prepared to Protect** (May 18–24) encourages community preparedness and highlights how disaster-resilient building codes protect people and property.
- **Week 4: Communities Without Limits** (May 25–31) showcases the importance of accessibility in building construction and design.

Educational information associated with each weekly theme is posted on ICC's [webpage](#).

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: None

FISCAL EFFECTS: None

Attachments:

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