

**TOWN OF WINDSOR
AGENDA REPORT**

Joint Windsor Town Council, Windsor Redevelopment Successor Agency and Windsor Water District Meeting Date: October 4, 2023

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Patrick Streeter, Community Development Director
Subject: 2022 Fire and Building Code Amendments

Recommendation to Council:

Hold second reading, by title only, and adopt an ordinance updating information in Title VI (Fire Prevention and Protection), removing redundancies from Title VII (Building and Housing), and making numbering corrections in both sections of the municipal code.

Strategic Plan Element:

The recommended action supports the goal of Organizational Effectiveness. Goal Statement: Achieve a high performing organization by nurturing an engaged workforce committed to a shared vision of public service.

Background:

The California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) is the State agency responsible for establishing and updating the building and fire standards and codes for new construction in the state, known as the California Title 24 Building Standards Code, the International Fire Code, and the California Fire Code and hereinafter referred to as the “Building Code” and the “Fire Codes,” respectively. Updates to the Building and Fire Codes are completed by the CBSC on a triennial cycle. The California Health and Safety Code requires that each jurisdiction in the state adopt the most recent edition of the Building Code and Fire Codes. If it is not adopted by a jurisdiction, it has the force of law 180 days after publication.

On July 1, 2022, the State of California published its updated Building Code and Fire Code. The 2022 Building Code includes the California Administrative Code, Building Code, Residential Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing Code, Energy Code, Historical Building Code, Fire Code, Existing Building Code, Green Building Standards Code, and California Referenced Standards Code.

On December 21, 2022, the Town Council adopted the 2022 editions of the California Building Code and California Fire Code, with certain amendments, additions, and deletions, which went into effect pursuant to state law beginning on January 1, 2023.

On September 6, 2023, the Town Council introduced an ordinance that would amend Title VI (Fire Prevention and Protection) and Title VII (Building and Housing) of the Town of Windsor Municipal Code by removing redundancies, updating information consistent with the 2022 Building and Fire Code amendments, and making numbering corrections for clarity.

Discussion:

No changes have been made to the draft ordinance that was introduced on September 6th.

Fiscal Impact:

This action will not have a direct impact on the General Fund.

Environmental Review:

The adoption of this ordinance is exempt from further CEQA review under the commonsense rule (Section 15061(b)(3)) and the exemption for actions by regulatory agencies to protect the environment (Section 15308).

Attachment(s):

- 1. Ordinance - Corrections to Titles VI and VII of the Municipal Code
- 12.2 Fire Code PowerPoint (Distributed 2023-10-03)

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