City of Boerne	AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY District Impacted
Agenda Date	August 9, 2022
Requested Action Contact Person	CONSIDER ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-24; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 5. BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II, CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, SECTION 5-36, ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE 2021 EDITION; ARTICLE III, MECHANICAL CODE, SECTIONS 5-61, ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE 2021 EDITION; ARTICLE IV GAS, SECTION 5-86 ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE 2021 EDITION; ARTICLE V, PLUMBING, SECTIONS 5-111, ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE 2021 EDITION; ARTICLE VI, EXISTING BUILDING CODE, SECTION 5-136, ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDINGS CODE 2021 EDITION; ARTICLE VII, ELECTRICAL CODE, SECTION 5-232, ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE 2020 EDITION; ARTICLE VIII, LIFE SAFETY CODE, SECTION 5-326, ADOPTING THE LIFE SAFETY CODE 2021 EDITION; ARTICLE X, HOUSING CODE, SECTION 5-266, ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE 2021 EDITION; AND CHAPTER 8. FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE II, FIRE PREVENTION CODE, SECTION 5-36, ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 2021 EDITION; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE. (Amend the building code sections and fire code from the 2009 Edition to current editions) Laura Haning, Director, Planning and Community Development Department
Rackground	
Background Information	The City of Boerne is long overdue for an update to our 2009 building and fire related codes. We are updating our codes to the most recently developed 2021 International Code Council (ICC) editions and International Fire Code (IFC). The 2021 IBC and IFC Codes were originally published in 2020 which gave communities a chance to review the codes and work through any issues prior to the 2021 Codes being made official. Staff has held meetings with builders, developers, and engineers to see if they had any concerns regarding the new

Codes were being updated, so anyone looking at the Codes would know Integrity ◆ Service ◆ Excellence ◆ Respect ◆ Collaboration

updates. Participation in those meetings was low, but no one expressed any concern with the updates. We also posted on our website that the

The new codes address the latest technology, consumer demand, and safety concerns. Over the years, ICC has applied innovation gradually across the building sector, reducing risk for individual builders, contractors, and property owners. These code updates create a safe environment for communities. Most developers/builders in Boerne are already building to the 2018 codes because many cities have adopted these codes. Fair Oaks, Helotes, and Austin have already adopted the 2021 codes. The cities of San Antonio and New Braunfels are in the process of updating their codes as well, so we will soon all be under the same regulations. Kendall County has already adopted the 2021 Fire Code. The Fire Code does have several amendments being suggested because we do not have a large staff of fire fighters, and this creates some special challenges for them. The amendments also serve to clarify terminology that was in question in the past and the new IFC also now clearly aligns with the City's Engineering Design Manual. Item Justification [] Legal/Regulatory Obligation [] Infrastructure Investment [] Reduce Costs [X] Customer Demand [] Increase Revenue [] Service Enhancement [] Drive Down Risk [] Process Efficiency [] Master Plan [] Other:		that updates were on their way. We've not received any negative feedback.
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