

Kittitas County Commissioners

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

7/6/2010

ACTION REQUESTED:

Sign the enabling ordinance to revise code text in KCC Chapter 14.04 Building Code to adopt the new 2009 Washington State Building Codes and the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code and 2009 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

BACKGROUND:

In November 2009, the Washington State Building Code Council completed adoption of the 2009 International Building Code (IBC), the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC), the 2009 International Mechanical Code (IMC), the 2009 International Fire Code (IFC), the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and the 2009 Washington State Energy Code (WSEC). These codes, with State amendments, will be effective on July 1, 2010. By way of summary, Kittitas County shall set a hearing to consider amending the current Building Code Chapter 14.04 to adopt the new Washington State adopted 2009 Codes that will go into effect July 1, 2010. In addition, a hearing shall be set to consider the proposed adoption of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) and the 2009 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC).

On Tuesday, May 4, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners set the Public Hearing for June, 1, 2010 and advertisements for said hearing were published in the North Kittitas County Tribune on 5/20/2010 and in the Daily Record on 5/20/2010, 5/21/2010 and 5/28/2010.

On Tuesday, June 1, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners held a Public Hearing to consider revising code text in KCC Chapter 14.04 Building Code to adopt the new 2009 Washington State Building Codes and two other codes.

The hearing was continued until Tuesday, June 15, 2010, for further consideration.

On June 8th, 2010, the Governor, Christine O. Gregoire, requested the State Building Code Council take action to delay the effective date of the new state building energy code (WSEC), for a period of nine months, until April 1, 2011.

On Tuesday, June 15th, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners continued the Public Hearing from June 1, 2010, to consider revising code text in KCC Chapter 14.04 Building code to adopt the new 2009 Washington State Building Codes and two other codes. Staff recommended that the 2009 Washington State Energy Code (WSEC) not be adopted due to the Governor's request for delay of the effective date of this code. The BOCC passed a motion to adopt the 2009 Washington State Building Codes, which included the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) and 2009 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC) and directed staff to generate the enabling documents. The motion did not include the 2009 Washington State Energy Code (WSEC). The current 2006 Washington State Energy Code (WSEC) will stay in effect.

The enabling ordinance has been generated and signed by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

INTERACTION:

CDS staff has reviewed the existing code text and made revisions; the Fire Marshal has reviewed the existing code text and made revisions; the PAO has reviewed and approved the proposed code text changes and enabling ordinance; the PAO has reviewed and approved the Notice of Public Hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners sign the attached ordinance to adopt the 2009 Washington State Building Codes and the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) and 2009 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC).

HANDLING:

KCCDS, KCPAO, KCPWD, Fire Marshal, KCCDS to receive signed copies.

LEAD STAFF:

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