



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of Feb.12, 2013
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of Feb.26, 2013

DATE: November 29, 2012
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Adoption of the 2009 International Fire Code with local amendments.

CAPTION:

Ordinance adopting the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, with local amendments, as the Fire Code of the City of Corpus Christi; providing for penalties; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On October 2003 the Fire Department adopted the 2003 International Fire Code. We are now proposing to adopt the 2009 International Fire Code with some local amendments. The 2012 International Fire Code has now been published and we will immediately proceed to adopt that version with some local amendments as soon as the 2009 International Fire Code is adopted. The codes have to be approved sequentially; therefore we will approve the 2009 code first.

The main changes to the fire code are as follows:

- Some sections in the current Fire Code have been moved to coincide with the 2009 International Fire Code.
- The permit fee for "Open Burning" increased from \$300.00 per day to \$500.00 per day.
- More stringent rules have been adopted for the placement and operation of "open-flame cooking devices" close to multi-family dwellings.
- The preparation or serving of "flaming beverages" in places of assembly and drinking or dining establishments is prohibited.

- Clarification on the requirements of property owners regarding the posting of "Fire Lane-No Parking" signs has been added to the fire code.
- Fire hydrant proximity requirements have been clarified for multi-family dwellings.
- Above-ground tanks storing hazardous liquids shall be inspected annually by the owner and inspected every three years by a professional engineer licensed in Texas.

Copies of the adopted 2009 Fire Code with reference material and local amendments will be made available at the City Secretary's Office.

ALTERNATIVES: None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This ordinance conforms to Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES: None

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to adopt the 2009 International Fire Code with local amendments.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance