



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of June 14, 2016
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of June 21, 2016

DATE: May 27, 2016
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Adoption of the 2015 International Fire Code with local amendments.

CAPTION:

Ordinance adopting the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, with local amendments, as the Fire Code of the City of Corpus Christi; and providing for severance, publication, penalty, and an effective date.

PURPOSE:

We are proposing to adopt the 2015 International Fire Code with some local amendments. 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 hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises.

The main changes to the fire code are as follows:

- Some sections in the current Fire Code have been moved to coincide with the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code.
- The adoption of Appendix D which establishes minimum road width, turning radius and other requirements for fire apparatus access roads.
- Added EXCEPTION 4 to 903.2.6 in Group I occupancies which removes the sprinkler requirement for home day cares licensed for more than 6 but no more than 12 children over the age of 2 ½ years of age that meet other notification and suppression systems noted in the exception.
- Removal of EXCEPTION to 906.1 in Group R-2 occupancies System in Chapter 9 "Fire Protection Systems". Which required extinguishers in only certain locations.
- Removal of EXCEPTION 3 to 907.2.9.1 Manual Fire Alarm System in Chapter 9 "Fire Protection Systems" which had not required a manual fire alarm in some Educational and Residential Occupancies.

- The removal and disposal of opened fireworks will now be restricted to within the city limits. Fire Department officials have been allowed to remove fireworks five thousand (5,000) feet beyond the city limits. This new rule will conform to state law.

ALTERNATIVES: None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

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

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Staff is requesting a non-emergency reading to this routine, non-controversial item.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2015-2016	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 2015 International Fire Code with local amendments.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance