



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Public Hearing and First Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 10, 2016  
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 17, 2016

**DATE:** April 20, 2016

**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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<p><b>Public Hearing and First Reading Ordinance - Revisions to Chapter 14, Article II, Technical Construction Codes</b></p>
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**CAPTION:**

Ordinance repealing and reenacting The Code of Ordinances, City of Corpus Christi Chapter 14, Article II, City of Corpus Christi Technical Construction Codes Divisions 1-8: Division 1, "Scope and Administration of Technical Construction Codes," Sections 14-201 thru 14-207. Division 2, "Building Code and Existing Building Code," Sections 14-231 thru 14-232. Division 3, "Electrical Code," Section 14-241. Division 4, "Energy Conservation Code," Section 14-251. Division 5, "Fuel Gas Code," Section 14-261. Division 6, "Mechanical Code," Section 14-271. Division 7, "Plumbing Code," Section 14-281. Division 8, "Residential Code," Section 14-291

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of adopting the 2015 International Building Code family, the 2014 National Electrical Code and Chapter 14, Article II, Technical Construction Code amendments is to recognize new construction materials and methodologies which incorporate the latest design standards to protect public health, safety and welfare.

**BACKGROUND FINDINGS:**

Ordinance No. 029343 was adopted on January 10, 2012 establishing the 2009 International Code family and 2008 National Electrical Code and Chapter 14, Article II, Technical Construction Code amendments as the Construction Codes for the City of Corpus Christi. These Codes and amendments do not reflect the latest industry approved materials, methodologies and design standards.

The International Code Council and the National Fire Protection Association publish updated Codes on a three-year cycle. The latest published version of the International Code is the 2015 edition. The latest version of the National Electrical Code is the 2014 edition. We propose to skip the 2012 International Code edition and the 2011 National Electrical Code

and formally adopt the 2015 International Code family and the 2014 National Electric Code.

HB 1736 establishes the 2015 International Energy Code as the State of Texas Energy Code effective September 1, 2016. The bill also states the State Energy Conservation Office may not adopt a new Energy Code more often than every 6 years. Adoption of revised Construction Codes on a three-year cycle imposes challenges for the local Construction Industry as well as City staff. We recommend adopting updated Construction Codes on a six (6) year basis, rather than a three (3) year basis to minimize the challenges associated with Code updates.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Denial or alteration of the proposed adoption of the 2015 International Code family, 2014 National Electrical Code and Chapter 14, Article II, Technical Construction Code amendments.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not Applicable

**CONFORMITY TO POLICY:**

The proposed adoption conforms to City policy.

**EMERGENCY /NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Legal

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

☐ Operating      ☐ Revenue      ☐ Capital      ☒ Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2015-2016</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

**Comments:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of 2015 International Code family, 2014 National Electrical Code and Chapter 14, Article II, Technical Construction Code amendments.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Presentation