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SUBJECT—
Amendment of Article V, Chapter 26 to adopt the 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code

SYNOPSIS—
This is the second City Council hearing for this code update. Approval of this action will amend Chapter 26, and updates the Plumbing Code to the most recent published edition of this nationally developed model code.

FISCAL IMPACT—
None.

RECOMMENDATION—
Approval

BACKGROUND—
This action will update and amend Article V of Chapter 26 of the Municipal Ordinance and the referenced model code contained therein to the most recent edition of this model plumbing code. This action, if approved, adopts the 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code.

The Board of Licenses and Appeals have reviewed these ordinance changes with staff, conducted public hearings, and have made, received and incorporated suggestions concerning this article. The Board of Licenses and Appeals have reviewed and approved these changes in public hearing, and recommends

approval of this action, resulting in the adoption of this most recent edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code.

A review process utilizing members of the plumbing community, comprised of members of the Board of Licenses and Appeals, open shop plumbing contractors, Local 33, the Joint Apprentice Training Committee, and staff worked through specific concerns regarding the adoption and amendments to the plumbing code, resulting in this proposal. Previous amendments limiting the use of certain plastic piping systems have been removed to reflect the code provisions now published in the new editions of the code. Provisions regarding unsafe installations cross connections, copper systems, backwater valves, vents, storm drains, and supply and water systems were reviewed, found to be acceptable, and otherwise remain unchanged. Provisions regarding licensure of contractors have been standardized. As in the previous code updates, this action will also reorganize the ordinance to standardize the location and content of similar requirements, simplify and eliminate unnecessary language, as well as reduce the total number of amendments to the code.