



**Council  
Communication**  
Office of the City Manager

**Date**

August 20, 2007

**Agenda Item No.** 47

**Roll Call No.** 07-

**Communication No.** 07-565

**Submitted by:** Phillip C. Vorlander.

**Chief of the Fire Department**

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Amending Chapter 46, Section 46-71 of the Municipal Code

**SYNOPSIS:**

Correcting an error and an omission in a recent change to Chapter 46, Section 46-71 of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines. Final consideration is requested by the Chief of the Fire Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On August 20, 2007, the City Council adopted the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code and amendments and additions to the International Fire Code as incorporated into the Municipal Code, including Section 46-71 of the Municipal Code. After this adoption, a scrivener's error and omission was discovered in the amended and added Section 46-71 that needs correction. This correction will appropriately reference the Section 46-71 back to the newly adopted International Fire Code.

The previously adopted amendment to Section 46-71 stated:

**Sec. 46-71. Single and multiple station smoke alarms.**

Listed single and multiple-station smoke alarms complying with UL 217 shall be installed in accordance with provisions of this code and the household fire warning equipment provision of NFPA 72. Smoke alarms in dwelling units shall be addressable with sounder bases and monitored by the building fire alarm system as a supervisory signal only. Mini horns in dwelling units are not required if notification from a building fire alarm system is through the smoke alarms with sounder bases.

The corrected Section 46-71 will read as follows, adding the final underlined sentence to the Code Section:

**Sec. 46-71. Single and multiple station smoke alarms.**

Listed single and multiple-station smoke alarms complying with UL 217 shall be installed in accordance with provisions of this code and the household fire warning equipment provision of NFPA 72. Smoke alarms in dwelling units shall be addressable with sounder bases and monitored by the building fire alarm system as a supervisory signal only. Mini horns in dwelling units are not required if notification from a building fire alarm system is through the smoke alarms with sounder bases.

Note: Section 46-71 only applies to R-1, R-2, R-4 and I-1.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 20, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-1633](#)

Action: Amending Chapter 46 of the Municipal Code regarding the following:

- (A) [Fire](#) Protection and Prevention Code. Moved by Vlassis that this ordinance do now pass, #[14,688](#). Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) [Adoption](#) of the International Fire Code and amendments and additions to the International Fire Code. Moved by Vlassis that this ordinance do now pass, #[14,689](#). Motion Carried 7-0.
- (C) [Amendment](#) to the Schedule of Administrative Penalties. Moved by Vlassis adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 6, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-1541](#)

Action: Amending Chapter 46 of the Municipal Code regarding the following:

- (A) [Fire](#) Protection and Prevention Code. Moved by Vlassis that this ordinance be considered and given second vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) [Adoption](#) of the International Fire Code and amendments and additions to the International Fire Code. Moved by Vlassis that this ordinance be considered and given second vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: July 23, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-1432](#)

Action: Amending Chapter 46 of the Municipal Code regarding the following:

- (A) [Fire](#) Protection and Prevention Code. Moved by Coleman that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) [Adoption](#) of the International Fire Code and amendments and additions to the International Fire Code. ([Council Communication No. 07-424](#)) Moved by Coleman that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**