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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 41 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>15-0335</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>15-072</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Amending Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code to provide an exception to the number of terms allowed for seats on the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of an ordinance change to Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code to provide Council the ability to reappoint Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals members to serve more than two (2) terms.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals is composed of individuals with specialized areas of expertise such as residential, commercial, and licensed trades contractors as well as design professionals licensed in architecture and engineering. Due to the specialized skill sets required for this board, many members have served for years well beyond their two (2) term limit and are now ineligible for reappointment. They currently continue to serve as hold overs. On April 1, 2015, only three (3) members of this 15 member board will be eligible for reappointment. The willingness of these individuals to continue serving is valuable for maintaining a highly qualified board with experience in the application of Des Moines construction codes. The proposed amendment to Chapter 26 will enable the City Council to reappoint long standing board members, giving them the same opportunities as those newly appointed members. This will be useful for maintaining an active, qualified board with seats that have been difficult to fill.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Board members will be up for reappointment every three (3) years.

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