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	Agenda Item No. 24 Roll Call No. <u>15-0662</u> Communication No. <u>15-214</u> Submitted by: Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support the Central Iowa Code Consortium (CICC).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend signing/approving MOU to support the CICC.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The MOU outlines the creation of the CICC, a collaborative effort to improve consistency in the adoption and enforcement of construction codes in the many communities that make up our metro area. This idea was first brought forth through the Capital Crossroads planning effort as one (1) of the five (5) pilot projects looking into the possibilities of local government collaboration.

The CICC will be a collaborative effort between all participating communities to review code changes, recommend changes to these codes, and produce a metro “model” code for all communities to consider through their local code adoption process. This project does NOT propose to make recommendations on permit process, code administration, appeals processes, or specific local amendments deemed necessary by local code officials. The goal of process is to publish a metro code that will promote uniformity and consistency between local communities.

The principal benefits of the CICC are: shared resources during new code review which results in reductions in staff time required for each community, consistency between jurisdictional lines, and incorporating industry in the process which will help to ensure codes are fair and that controversial topics will have been resolved at the metro level rather than each municipality.

The CICC Steering Committee recommends a time table that would include adoption of the 2015 construction codes in early 2016. The Committee has established benchmarks to ensure this is possible.

The MOU has been approved by Windsor Heights, Waukee, and Johnston; and is scheduled to be considered by West Des Moines, Ankeny, Pleasant Hill, Norwalk, and Polk County within the next month.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

Date: March 12, 2015

Action: Motion to recommend approval of the CICC MOU and provide board feedback to the CICC steering committee regarding the importance of stakeholder involvement.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

New code editions are published every three (3) years.

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