


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-428	Meeting:	October 18, 2021
	Agenda Item:	28	Roll Call:	21-1565
	Submitted by:	Erin Olson-Douglas, Development Services Department Director and John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief		

AGENDA HEADING:

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

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend signing and 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 building and fire codes in the many communities that make up the metro area. This project began in 2015 and has been through two (2) code cycles.
- The CICC is 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. Development Services Department and Fire Department staff have provided leading roles to this effort over the past six (6) years.
- The principal benefits of the CICC include:
 - Shared resources during new code review which results in reductions in staff time required for each community.
 - Consistency between jurisdictional lines.
 - Industry holds seats with voting rights on each CICC code committee.
 - Controversial topics are addressed at the metro level prior to consideration by each municipality.
- The CICC Steering Committee recommends a timetable that would include adoption of the 2021 construction codes in late 2022. The Committee has established benchmarks to ensure this is possible.

- The MOU has been approved by Polk County, Grimes, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, and Johnston; and is scheduled to be considered by West Des Moines, Waukee, Urbandale, Clive and Altoona. Ankeny has chosen to not participate.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 20, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-0662](#)

Action: [Memorandum](#) of Understanding to support the Central Iowa Code Consortium. ([Council Communication No. 15-214](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals

Date: March 12, 2015

Resolution Number: N/A

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 editions of building and fire codes are published every three (3) years. Keeping current editions of the codes adopted allows City regulations to keep up with the latest construction methods and technologies.

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