


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-531	Meeting:	December 23, 2024
	Agenda Item:	57	Roll Call:	14-1763
	Submitted by:	Cody Christensen, Development Services Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

First consideration to amend Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code – Buildings and Building Regulations.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of this action amends Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code with the following actions:

- Corrects and clarifies various Code sections from the previous building code adoption.
 - Fixes incorrect code references in building code and existing building code.
 - Deletes horizontal property regime requirements due to redundant language in State law.
 - Modifies language for demolition permit process.
 - Clarifies building obstruction permit process.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The second and third reading is requested to be waived due to the editorial nature of the code corrections.
- The City of Des Moines Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals has reviewed and recommends adoption of these corrections and clarifications.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 8, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0075](#), [24-0076](#)

Action: Amending Chapters 26 and 46 of the Municipal Code to adopt the 2021 editions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Existing Building Code and International Fire Code: ([Council Communication No. 24-014](#))

- (A) [Amending](#) Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code relating to buildings and building regulations. Moved by Mandelbaum that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Refer to staff to evaluate the use of point access blocks in the future. Second by Coleman. Motion Carried 6-0.

- (1) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six (6) votes. Moved by Mandelbaum that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two (2) Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #[16.317](#). Second by Coleman. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

Date: November 14, 2024

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: These changes to the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines were recommended by the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- New editions of the construction 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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