

GENERAL

Ordinance Fact Sheet

220364

Ordinance Number

Brief Title

Approval Deadline

Amending Chapter 18 Code of Ordinances to update the City's Energy Conservation Code.

Reason

Amending of Chapter 18, Article III, Section 18-57 and Article XIV, Section 18-367, entitled "Adoption of International Building Code; amended"

Details

Positions/Recommendations

Reason for Legislation
Amending various parts of Chapter 18, Article III, Section 18-57 and Article XIV, Section 18-367, entitled "Adoption of International Building Code (2018); amendments" to update the City's Energy Conservation Code.

Sponsor	Councilmember Bough
Programs, Departments, or Groups Affected	City Planning and Development Office of Environmental Quality
Applicants / Proponents	Applicant City Department Other
Opponents	Groups or Individuals Basis of opposition
Staff Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against Reason Against
Board or Commission Recommendation	By <input type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against <input type="checkbox"/> No action taken <input type="checkbox"/> For, with revisions or conditions (see details column for conditions)
Council Committee Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> Do pass <input type="checkbox"/> Do pass (as amended) <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Sub. <input type="checkbox"/> Without Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Do not pass

Details:

The KCMO 2008 Climate Protection Plan recognizes the large role of buildings and structures in the City as consumers of energy and the concomitant result in significant greenhouse gas emissions. Kansas City passed Resolution No. 200005 updating its Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan with goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions citywide 100% from the electricity sector by 2030, 100% greenhouse gas reduction from municipal operations by 2022, and to become climate neutral by 2040 in order to protect the health and welfare of all our residents, and adopting modern building codes is instrumental in meeting this goal.

Ordinance No. 200418 was introduced on June 4, 2020, to update the Kansas City Building and Rehabilitation Code by adopting the latest editions of the currently adopted, nationally recognized model codes for use in building construction. The 2021 International Energy Conservation Code ("IECC") with a Zero-Code Appendix was scheduled to be available by the International Code Council in the fall of 2020 to replace the 2018 IECC as the most up to date version of America's model energy code; and

The Council passed Resolution No. 200449 that expressed the Council's continued commitment to climate action and its desire to delay consideration of an update to the City's energy efficiency code until the 2021 version of the International Energy Conservation Code with a Zero-Code Appendix was released. Because implementing new code regulations results in costs for training and communication, the City would save money by moving directly to the 2021 IECC instead of first adopting the 2018 IECC and then later adopting the 2021 IECC.

The adoption of Resolution No. 200449 allowed for further engagement of residents, stakeholder and City staff in the process of developing the language of this proposed ordinance to update the City's energy efficiency code.

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