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DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

**AGENDA DATE: INTRODUCTION: MAY 17, 2016
PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 31, 2016**

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.02 (Administrative Code), adding provisions for Demolition Permit, Certificates of Use, and Conditional Certificates of Occupancy, Chapter 18.08 (Building Code), 18.10 (Residential Code), 18.12 (Mechanical Code), 18.16 (Electrical Code), 18.20 (Plumbing Code), 18.24 (Gas Code), 18.28 (Existing Building Code), 18.30 (Swimming Pool and Spa Code), 18.50 (Property Maintenance Code), 18.70 (Energy Conservation Code), adopting the 2015 International Building Codes, and the 2014 National Electrical Code, and adopting appropriate local amendments, and amending Title 9, Chapter 9.52, adopting the 2015 International Fire Code, the penalty being as provided in 18.02.111 of the El Paso City Code.

Discussion and action on the following code changes to Title 18 (Building & Construction) of the City Code, as follows:

- a.) An Ordinance amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.02 (Building and Construction Administrative Code) of the El Paso City Code.
- b.) An Ordinance adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Building Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.08 (Building Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
- c.) An Ordinance adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Residential Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.10 (Residential Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.

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- d.) An Ordinance adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Mechanical Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.12 (Mechanical Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
- e.) An Ordinance adopting the 2014 Edition of the National Electrical Code and amending the Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.16 (Electrical Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
- f.) An Ordinance adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Plumbing Code and amending the Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.20 (Plumbing Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
- g.) An Ordinance adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.24 (Gas Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
- h.) An Ordinance adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Existing Building Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.28 (Existing Building Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
- i.) An Ordinance adopting Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.30 (Pool & Spa Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
- j.) An Ordinance adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.50 (Property Maintenance Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
- k.) An Ordinance adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.70 (Energy Conservation Code) to the El Paso City Code and providing for local aments.
- l.) An Ordinance adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code and amending Title 9, Chapter 9.52 (Fire Prevention Code) of the El Paso City Code.

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BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The International Code Council has published the 2015 Edition of the International Code Family and local public input and industry input has been taken to assure that the current version of the codes are amended and adopted as appropriate for the City of El Paso. These codes are normally revised on a three-year cycle, and adoption is key to stay abreast of modern developments in building safety and to be consistent with adoption by the State of Texas of certain codes.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*******REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*******

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9 (HEALTH AND SAFETY), CHAPTER 9.52, (FIRE PREVENTION CODE) ADOPTING THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9.52.030 OF THE CITY CODE

WHEREAS, the 2015 Addition of the 2015 International Fire Code has been published and adoption of the 2015 International Fire Code is now proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Building Official for the City of El Paso has reviewed and favorably recommends the adoption of the 2015 International Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has deemed the proposed local amendments appropriate for the City of El Paso;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That Title 9 (Health and Safety), Chapter 9.52 (Fire Prevention Code) is hereby amended as follows:

9.52.020 - Adopted.

A. The book entitled "International Fire Code," 2015 Edition, a copy of which authenticated by the city clerk is on file in the city clerk's office, is adopted as the Fire Code of the city, as fully as if copied at length in this chapter, but with the amendments set forth in this chapter.

B. Any references made in this chapter to "IFC" shall mean the 2015 International Fire Code.

C. Whenever reference is made in the 2015 International Fire Code, or any other referenced standard or code, to "the authority having jurisdiction" for enforcement of the provisions thereof, the term "code official" shall be substituted therefore, unless otherwise provided for in this chapter.

D. The provisions in the 2015 International Fire Code are intended to be cumulative of other provisions and chapters of the El Paso City Code pertaining to fire prevention, unless otherwise expressly stated herein. To the extent that any provisions of the 2009 International Fire Code are in conflict with Title 18 of the City Code, the provisions of Title 18 shall apply.

SECTION 2. That except as herein amended, Title 9 (Health and Safety), Chapter 9.52 (Fire Prevention Code), of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John R. Batoon
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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