

**MEETING DATE/TYPE:**                      **STUDY SESSION MEETING**                      **5-28-19**

**DEPARTMENT:**    **Community Development**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Introduction and discussion of the proposed adoption of the 2018 International Building and Technical Codes and the 2017 National Electric Code, with local amendments.

**Approved By:** Michael Lamar, City Manager

### **Item Summary**

This is a building and technical code cycle adjustment to bring the City of Prescott up to the latest code cycle of 2018 for all International Code Council (ICC) Building and Technical Codes and up to the 2017 National Electrical Code. This proposed adoption is being pursued in cooperation with surrounding jurisdictions (Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Yavapai County) to bring all major local jurisdictions to the same code cycle at approximately the same time, as a coordinated effort to streamline and facilitate on behalf of both the contracting community and our respective development customer base(s).

### **Background**

In September 2014, the City Council adopted the 2012 International Building Codes, with local amendments. The International Codes and their local amendments became effective January 1, 2015. City Council amended some of the codes in May of 2015 to address group homes. No other code amendments have occurred since.

To provide better, more effective service to local contractors, Prescott Community Development staff has been working diligently with surrounding jurisdictions and the Yavapai County Contractors Association since Fall 2018 to collaboratively coordinate the proposed code adoptions so that the participating jurisdictions will adopt and enact on the same code cycle at approximately the same time (established target: mid 2019). Some variation in the effective dates between jurisdictions is inevitable, but by the beginning of 2020, the 2018 ICC Building and Technical Codes (and 2017 National Electric Code, in the City of Prescott's case) will be enacted and in use by all participating jurisdictions. Having all primary local jurisdictions operating within the same building and technical codes should prove very beneficial to our contractor and development customers, especially those who routinely work across multiple jurisdictions.

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As a part of this proposed code adoption, two code sections that were never modified from the 1997 Uniform Building Codes (now incorporated into the Administrative Code references) will be repealed, eliminating two unnecessary codes.

In addition to eliminating unnecessary codes, a strong effort has been made by the cross-jurisdictional code review group, City of Prescott Building Division staff, and our Building Advisory and Appeals Board, to reduce the complexity of the codes where possible. This is done through the adoption of an Administrative Code that amends various code provisions in the International Codes. An example of an edited (“administrative”) code section is attached. This type of amended code provides the City with the ability to customize a particular aspect of the code to best fit our jurisdiction.

Following this introduction and discussion, we anticipate bringing forward the formal adoption ordinances and resolutions at the June 11, 2019 City Council voting meeting.

### **Attachments**

1. 2018 Adoption Flyer
2. Proposed Amendments to City of Prescott 2018 Building Code
3. Redlined Resolution

**Recommended Action:** This item is for presentation only. No action will be taken.