

# Agenda Report

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February 17, 2014 City Council Meeting

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Item Nos. 8-12

**ISSUE: Updating the 2006 International Building Code Series to the 2012 version that include: Building, Residential, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fuel Gas, Property Maintenance and Rental Housing Code**

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Windsor Heights desires to continue to protect life, safety and property through the adoption and enforcement of construction codes, and to establish the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

By adopting the latest addition of the International Code Council Building Code Series, the city will comply with the required ISO mandate. The Insurance Services Organization is the corporation used by the insurance industry to measure a community's ability to respond i.e. Fire, Police, Public Works and Building Code compliance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Other than various local amendments to the 2012 International Fire Codes staff is recommending, no significant changes are being recommending to the code series. The major source of discussion concerning the last code series adoption was the requirement for sprinkler systems in single family homes and single family homes being turned into rentals. This has been, by and large, amended out of/ our code due to the proposed square footage requirements.

Staff recommends the City Council approve Ordinances 14-01 through 14-05 on first reading.

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