



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To: Ryan Waller, City Manager  
From: Charlie E. Dissell, Community and Economic Development Director  
Date: November 22, 2019  
Re: Proposed Timeline for Updated Building/Fire Codes

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As you are aware, one of the items outlined in the City's strategic plan was to review and evaluate current building codes and look at updating to the most recent version of those codes. These codes include the International Residential Code, Building Code, Fire Code, Fuel Gas Code, Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code and National Electrical Code. As you are also aware, Capital Crossroads, through the Central Iowa Code Consortium, has been working on local government collaboration in the adoption of updated building codes. Recently, the Central Iowa Code Consortium adopted their final recommendations on building code updates.

City staff has been working to review the recommendations of the Central Iowa Code Consortium. City Staff is recommending a timeline for adoption that would include more than a month of time where the public would be able to review and comment on the new codes. Staff would work to build a page on the City's website for the public to be able to download and review the proposed codes. Staff also proposes to host a contractor's open house in January, like the one that was held in January of 2019, as well as a presentation to the City Council at its Study Session in January. The timeline proposed is as follows:

- December 13, 2019 through January 24, 2020- Public Review/Comment Phase
- Week of January 6, 2020- Contractors Open House Breakfast
- January 21, 2020- City Council Study Session
- February 3, 2020- 1st Reading of ordinance adopting updates codes
- February 18, 2020- 2nd Reading of ordinance adopting updates codes
- March 2, 2020- 3rd Reading of ordinance adopting updates codes
- March 30, 2020- Effective Date

Please let me know if you have any questions.