

2021 INTERNATIONAL CODES 2020 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

City Council Presentation

April 28, 2022



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BACKGROUND

- Updated code versions released every 3 years
- To provide clarity to existing text, harmonize requirements between codes and federal standards, provide for use of the latest materials and standards
- City of College Station is currently under the 2018 International Codes and 2017 NEC
- 6 newly proposed local amendments

HIGHLIGHT OF CHANGES

- Increased attic insulation requirements
- Easing of restrictions on non-egress stairways
- Emergency electrical disconnect requirement for newly constructed homes
- Special egress and safety requirements for puzzle/escape rooms.
- Added smoke alarm locations for areas with high ceilings
- Carbon monoxide alarm requirements for the replacement of fuel-fired appliances
- Clearer distinction between public and private restroom facilities
- Prohibiting the installation of commercial cooking appliances in homes

OUTREACH

- Provided an overview of residential code changes to GBVBA on February 28th
- Presented an overview of code changes to Construction Board of Adjustments on March 22nd
- Presentation regarding code changes was held on April 20th



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CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

- The CBA voted unanimously to recommend adoption as presented
- A motion to recommend requiring fire sprinkler systems in newly constructed townhomes was discussed but was not approved
- Staff also recommends approval of the ordinance as presented with a requested effective date of June 1, 2022



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