

SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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SUBJECT: Ordinance adopting the 2000 edition of the International Fire Code as part of the Salt Lake City Code

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Document Type	Budget-Related Facts	Policy-Related Facts	Miscellaneous Facts
Ordinance	There are no budget impacts resulting from the adoption of <i>The International Fire Code</i> as part of the Salt Lake City Code.	This change would replace <i>The Uniform Fire Code</i> with <i>The International Fire Code</i> as part of the Salt Lake City Code.	This change will bring the Salt Lake City Code in compliance with the state fire code.

The Administration is proposing that the City Council approve an ordinance that deletes all references to the 1988 edition of *The Uniform Fire Code* and reference the 2000 edition of *The International Fire Code* as the city fire code.

This ordinance is a housekeeping measure that will bring the City Code in line with the state approved fire code. Utah Code requires that the Utah State Fire Prevention Board adopt a nationally recognized code to be the minimum fire code for all political subdivisions of the state. The Utah State Fire Prevention Board adopted the 2000 edition of *The International Fire Code* on September 11, 2001 and it became effective on January 1, 2002.

The Administration has been following this code, rather than the one reflected in City Ordinance. The Council Office has received inquiries from citizens confused by the inconsistency.

The adoption of the proposed ordinance will bring the City into compliance with the state fire code. Additional information is contained in the transmittal from the Administration.

Following the briefing, the Council may wish to consider the following options:

- Schedule consideration of the ordinance in a future Council Meeting.
- Schedule another briefing for additional discussion.
- Request additional written information from the Administration, including whether there are any sections of the code that the City has the discretion to modify or not adopt.
- Request that the Administration forward codes of this nature to the Council in a timelier manner in the future.