



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Kylie Tillema, Assistant Fire Marshal
DATE December 6, 2022
SUBJECT: Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.20 of the Beaumont Municipal Code for the Adoption of the 2022 California Fire Code (California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 9)

Description Required adoption of updated Fire Codes.

Background and Analysis:

Every three years the State of California (“State”) adopts the latest edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations Title 24) (“Codes”) to establish uniform standards for the construction and maintenance of buildings, electrical systems, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, and fire and life safety systems. The 2022 edition of the Codes was adopted by the California Building Standards Commission and published on July 1, 2022. Sections 17958, and 18941.5 of the California Health and Safety Code (“HSC”), require that the latest edition of the Codes apply to local construction 180 days after publication. Therefore, State law requires that the Codes become effective at the local level on January 1, 2023.

Prior to the adoption and enforcement of the Codes at the local level, State law does permit local jurisdictions to amend the Codes in certain circumstances. Pursuant to Sections 17958.5 and 17958.7 of the HSC, such local amendments can only be enacted when an express finding and determination is made that such local amendments are reasonably necessary because of local climatic (which include environmental), geological, or topographical conditions that affects the jurisdiction. California building standards law permits local amendments that are reasonably necessary provided it is a more restrictive building standard. State housing law permits local amendments that are necessary provided it is equivalent or a more restrictive building standard. Local amendments that are necessary for administrative clarification and do not modify building standards as defined in Section 18909(c) of the HSC can be enacted without the required express findings.

The Codes are amended and published in their entirety every three years by the order of State law and are amended periodically between cycles. The Codes that are to be adopted and amended by the City of Beaumont include the following:

- 2022 California Fire Code Part 9;
- 2022 California Fire Code - Chapter 1, Division II except Section 103.2 and 111.3; and
- 2022 California Fire Code - Chapters 3, 25, and Sections 403.11, 503, 510.2, 1103.2 and 5707.

Staff is recommending some local amendments to address local concerns, which consist of fire and life safety and administrative provisions. Most of the proposed amendments are administrative for procedural clarification and are a continuation of previously adopted amendments from prior code adoption cycles. Furthermore, many of these proposed amendments are consistent with those adopted by other local jurisdictions.

A public hearing was held and first reading approved at the November 15, 2022 City Council meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

Cost of preparing this staff report, ordinance and legal review is estimated to be \$1,000.

Recommended Action:

Waive the second full reading and approve by title only, "An Ordinance of The City Council of The City of Beaumont, California, Approving the Adoption of the 2022 Edition of the California Building Standards Code, (California Code of Regulations Title 24), Part 9, 2022 California Fire Code with Amendments and Amending Chapter 15.20 'Fire Code,' of the Beaumont Municipal Code."

Attachments:

- A. Ordinance
- B. Findings