

**NINE STEP PLANNER  
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS WORK SESSIONS**

This form needs to be reviewed and approved by the board **before** a work session is scheduled.

REQUESTED BY: Marty Snell, Community Development Director, Jon Dunaway, Fire Marshal/Building Manager, & Jim Muir, Chief Building Official

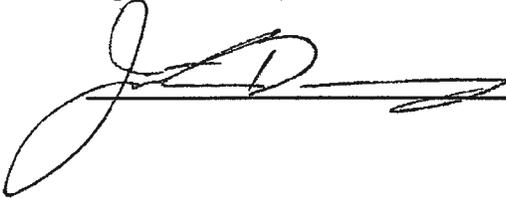
1. **TOPIC:** Adoption of the 2015 International Codes (residential, building, fire, mechanical, existing buildings), 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code, and the 2015 Washington State Energy Code.
2. **WORK SESSION:**  
Marty Snell, Community Development Director  
Jon Dunaway, Fire Marshal / Building Manager  
Jim Muir, Chief Building Official
3. **TIME FRAME:**  
LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED: 60 Minutes  
DESIRED DATE: May 25, 2016  
SCHEDULED DATE OF WORK SESSION: \_\_\_\_\_
4. **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:** Earlier this year, the Washington State Legislature approved the state-wide adoption of the 2015 editions of the codes (mentioned above) with Washington State amendments. Every three years, a new edition of each of these codes is published and adopted at the state level. These latest codes will become minimum law for all jurisdictions within the state effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Per state law (RCW 19.27), Clark County is required to enforce the newly adopted codes and may make amendments at the local level.  
  
Staff has reviewed Clark County Code Titles 14 (Buildings and Structures) and 15 (Fire Prevention) and has made recommendations for changes at the County level. Other than formatting modifications, there are no new Clark County requirements being proposed above what has been in effect since our last adoption of these codes in 2013.
5. **DESIRED RESULTS:** Inform the Council of the code adoption process, the stakeholder work that has been done, and Clark County's role (through Building and Fire) for enforcement.
6. **IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):** The codes adoption presents a challenge to the public, customers, and staff. Any changes that affect a specific project are best known at the project planning stage. To that end, we wish to provide the Council with an overview of our education and outreach efforts ahead of the change. It will help the Council to know the background should they be in discussion with constituents on building and fire issues.
7. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** The code changes do not require additional reviews or more intense reviews, and therefore are expected to be expenditure neutral. Clarification of code also reduces questions and uncertainty, which helps stabilize workloads. These code changes will not result in additional revenue.
8. **ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED:** The codes adopted by the State of Washington are national (and even international) documents published on a three year adoption cycle that

go through an open hearings process from proposals to final action. In addition, the State, through the State Building Code Council, evaluates and proposes state amendments to the latest editions of the codes in an open process for more than a year ahead of statewide adoption. Any of the code adoption processes may have areas in which there are differing opinions, but in the end the consensus processes provide for an exchange of ideas, modifications, and final versions. Again, this background information may be useful to the Council members at a broad level.

9. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff is asking for the County Council's consent to proceed with the process for the adoption of these codes with local amendments.

**APPROVED FOR SCHEDULING:**

Signature of requestor:



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DATE: 4-12-16