



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (“Building”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt a New Article 16 (“Energy Code”) to Adopt the 2021 International Code Council Energy Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission

Overview

The Village periodically reviews and adopts updated building and electric codes to attract construction growth by accepting current trends and implementing more modern approved materials and safer building practices. The Building Code Advisory Commission is recommending that the Village Board adopt the 2021 editions of the International Building Codes with a decreased number of amendments to simplify and streamline the Village’s building code process.

Recommendation

Adopt the Ordinance.

Background

The International Energy Conservation Code is a fairly newer code. While the Village had adopted the 2006 International Code Council’s International Energy Conservation Code (ECC), the State of Illinois had started to mandate the last few editions.

Fiscal Impact

Funds were budgeted in the books & subscriptions account (1001.46250.101.550606) in fiscal year 2023 to cover the expense of new code books for staff.

DEI Impact

Adoption of the code will result in a reduction in fossil fuel usage.

Alternatives

The Village Board could elect to not adopt the recommended code and rely on the State of Illinois mandating the updated code from 2018 to 2021, although staff is not aware when that would occur. However, it should be noted that the latest codes reflect the latest technologies and construction materials.

Previous Board Action

The Village Board in 2020 had previously accepted the Building Code Advisory Commission's recommendations and adopted the newer updated Energy Conversation as mandated by the State of Illinois.

The 2018 editions of the International Codes currently in existence were adopted by the Village Board in October 2019 and took effect in 2020.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

The Building Code Advisory Commission is recommending that the Village Board adopt the 2021 editions of the International Building Codes with a decreased number of amendments to simplify and streamline the Village building code process.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A