



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 21, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

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DATE: November 21, 2022

TITLE: **Adopt Ordinance No. 1561, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code Pertaining to the California Building Code and Companion Codes, Title VIII—Building Regulations, Chapter 1—Building Codes, Articles 1–9, 11, 13, and 14; Waive Reading of the Text and Consent to Read by Title Only.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 1561, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code Pertaining to the California Building Code and Companion Codes, Title VIII—Building Regulations, Chapter 1—Building Codes, Articles 1–9, 11, 13 and 14; waive reading of the text, and consent to read by title only.

INTRODUCTION:

The City of Arcata has adopted the California Building Code (CBC) and its companion codes in Title VIII, Chapter 1 of the Arcata Municipal Code. On January 1, 2023, the State will adopt the 2022 edition of these codes, whereas the previous edition was 2019. In order to maintain compliance with the State codes, the City is required to update its Municipal Code regulations to reflect this change. Included with the staff report is Attachment A: a summary of significant changes to the CBC.

DISCUSSION:

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1561 will accomplish the required revisions and update the City's Building Codes. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Council at its November 16, 2021 meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

This ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

NA

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance No. 1561 Bulding Codes Update (PDF)

Attachment A- Highlights of the Significant changes to 2022 CBC (PDF)