

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Amador County Land Use Committee

FROM: Todd Barr, Chief Building Official

DATE: October 17, 2019

SUBJECT: 15.04.010 Adoption of California Building Codes by Reference - Update

Section 15.04.010, Amador County Code, refers to outdated codes and in some cases does not cite currently applicable codes. A draft proposed ordinance is provided for your review, showing proposed changes in track change format. A clean version is also included. Staff requests that the Board waive the reading of the ordinance and hold a public hearing to receive comment.

Every three years the international Code Council updates the International Building Code and other Codes related to the construction industry. The California Building Standards Commission reviews the Code and the updates and amends the code to include California specific requirements and in some instances deletes part of the code that is not applicable to the region. Once the amendments are complete the California Building Code is assembled using the appropriate references and becomes the "California Code of Regulations Title 24" published by the International Code Council and made available to jurisdictions and industry participants throughout the state. The updated code is then adopted by the local jurisdiction and in the California becomes law on January 1, the following year (2019 California Building Code takes effect January 1, 2020).

The latest California Building Code contains relatively minor changes, however, there were several changes to the Appendices in the code. The Appendices are required to be specifically referred to in the local ordinance of the Jurisdiction for adoption. Many of these Appendices have actually become part of the Code at this point therefore have been removed from the Code Adoption language. Other Appendices exist to clarify and some are not appropriate or applicable to the local jurisdiction therefore omitted from adoption.

I have requested we adopt the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). The California Health and Safety Code Contains much if not all of the regulation contained within the IPMC, however, format of the publication makes it much easier to reference and will be less confusing to staff and the public to use this publication.