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NOTICE

Public Hearing Schedule for Consideration and Amendment of the 2009 International Codes

Over the past year Community Planning and Development, Denver Fire Department, Parks and Recreation and Public Works have been working to improve the development review and permitting processes in Denver. Thanks to the great work of many people from each organization, we have put together a comprehensive action plan that will help us achieve the best outcome in providing exceptional service to you while still upholding our values and ensuring the safety of our citizens and the health and vitality of our City.

We have reached the point in this process where we are beginning to implement changes, improvements and enhancements in service. Some of the improvements are already underway, including the expansion of the electronic plan submittal process and the creation of a new project coordination team. The next step is to continue to improve the Codes regulating construction in the City.

The successful adoption of the ICC codes in 2004 brought Denver into alignment with standard practices across the country, and reduced the need to create local amendments to the code. In preparing for the adoption of the 2009 ICC codes, we have decided to make a change and have re-assigned the functions of the Building Code Revision Committee to the existing Building and Fire Boards of Appeals, which provide oversight of the codes. This has helped streamline the code administration process while enhancing public involvement and transparency.

On December 1, 2009, Development Services will begin the public consideration of the 2009 ICC Codes and proposed Amendments. A full description of the timeline, schedule of public hearings, proposed amendments, and instructions for submitting additional amendments will be made available on our website:

www.DenverGov.org/BuildingPermits

Now, more than ever, we are committed to provide the best service available to our customers in construction and development. We are very proud of our expanded services and improvements in customer satisfaction. A full description of our expanded services, as well as resources to help answer any questions, is available on our website: www.DenverGov.org/BuildingPermits

Frequently Asked Questions
About the
Adoption Process for the 2009 International Codes

1. How will the new Codes be considered?

The City has established a simplified process for the adoption of the 2009 International Codes utilizing the Combined Board of Appeals (CBOA), consisting of both Building and Fire Code Boards of Appeals. The CBOA will act on behalf of Mayor to review code and amendments before submittal to City Council.

2. Will I be able to participate in the consideration of the 2009 Codes?

Absolutely! Public participation in the code adoption hearings is crucial to the success of the new Building Codes. You will be able to both speak for or against proposed amendments to the 2009 International Codes, and propose amendments of your own.

3. Who writes the amendments to the 2009 International Codes?

You do! The City relies on all interested stakeholders to help refine and perfect the 2009 International Codes before adoption. In addition to amendments proposed by the public, City staff have formulated and proposed additional amendments for consideration by the CBOA.

4. Can I propose my own amendments to the 2009 International Codes?

Yes. Complete instructions on how to submit your proposal for consideration can be found on our website: www.DenverGov.org/BuildingPermits

5. When will the 2009 International Codes be enforced in the City and County of Denver?

After two rounds of public hearings, and the consideration of all proposed amendments, the final version of the Codes will be submitted, as an ordinance, to City Council. When City Council approves the proposed ordinance it will contain rules for the transition from the current Building Code to the new code, tentatively scheduled for Summer of 2010.

6. How long will I be able to continue using the 2008 Denver Building Code?

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7. Will the process for obtaining permits change with the adoption of a new Building Code?

No. The services provided by Development Services will not change with the adoption of the updated building Code!

8. Where can I find more information about the Code adoption process or get answers to specific questions?

The best source for up-to-date information about the Code adoption process, the permitting process, code updates and advisories is our website: www.DenverGov.org/BuildingPermits