

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 24, 2026
SUBJECT: Discuss amendments to the adopted 2024 International Codes
PRESENTER: Stefanie Martinez, Managing Director of Community Services

SUMMARY:

Since adoption of the 2024 International Codes earlier this year, staff has identified several issues that warrant correction. These include typographical errors, omitted references to cited codes, and unintended consequences arising from certain requirements adopted in February. In particular, some requirements related to the energy code are creating unnecessary burdens for development. Staff is therefore recommending amendments to the 2024 International Codes to correct these errors and remove the problematic requirements.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The International Codes (I-Codes) are globally recognized model codes developed by construction industry professionals using the most current building science. They serve as the foundation for the City's building regulations and are adjusted through regional and local amendments to meet North Richland Hills' specific needs.

With the February adoption now in place, staff has identified areas requiring adjustment. Amending the 2024 International Codes at this time will resolve identified errors, address unintended impacts, and remove energy code requirements that are currently hindering development activity.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Section 105.2 of the 2024 IRC. Delete the permit exemption for accessory structures regardless of size. We would not collect any permit fees for accessory structures that are less than 144 square feet. Also, amend item 5 to require roof permits for any repair that exceeds 3 squares.
- Section P3005.2.2 of the 2024 IRC. Amended to require a "city" cleanout at the property line/ROW line to sweep towards the sewer tap off the main.
- Section 105.2 of the 2024 IBC. Delete items 1 and 7 to match the 2024 IRC requirements.



- Section 502.1 of the 2024 IBC. Changed to match the 2024 IFC local amendment for address sizing.
- Section 202 of the 2024 IECC. Projection Factor definition added to definitions.
- Sections C405.13, C405.15, C406, and C502.3.7 of the 2024 IECC. Recommend deleting the sections. Added "Projection Factor" definition to the amendments.
- Section 708.1.2 of the 2024 IPC. Added section to require a cleanout near the property line/ROW line sweeping towards the sewer tap on the main.
- There are a few typo corrections that are proposed to be corrected.