



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** January 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Discussion to consider amending Chapter 98 – Buildings of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances adopting the 2024 International Building Codes with regional and local amendments, repealing Chapter 38 – Fire Prevention Code in its entirety to be adopted into Chapter 98 with amendments, and adopting the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) with amendments.

PRESENTER: Stefanie Martinez, Managing Director of Community Development
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SUMMARY:

In a continuing effort to modernize the city's building codes in support of Council's goal to become easier to do business with, staff recommends adopting the 2024 International Building Codes with regional amendments as recommended by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The International Building Codes (I-Codes) are developed by construction industry professionals and adopted globally as model codes based on the most current building science. These codes serve as a foundation for the city's building regulations, which are tailored through regional and local amendments to reflect North Richland Hills' unique needs.

The I-Codes are updated every three years by the International Code Council (ICC). It has been the city's policy to adopt every other code cycle, or every six years. The last adoption by the city was the 2018 I-Codes. The 2024 I-Codes represent the next scheduled update.

The NCTCOG Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC) has reviewed the 2024 I-Codes and issued recommended regional amendments. These amendments have been endorsed by the NCTCOG Executive Board and are intended to promote consistency across jurisdictions in North Central Texas. Adopting the 2024 amendments is in the best interest of the citizens of North Richland Hills by promoting health, safety, and welfare. Additional benefits include Regional Consistency as the city's codes will align with those of surrounding jurisdictions. The adoption of the amendments also helps maintain or improve the city's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. That rating can positively impact insurance premiums for residents and businesses. This action is consistent with surrounding communities that have adopted or will soon be adopting the 2024 I-Codes.