

## Memorandum

To: Vail Town Council

From: George Ruther, Director of Community Development

Date: July 5, 2016

Subject: Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2016 – Adoption of the 2015 Edition of the International Plumbing Code.

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### I. Purpose of the Public Hearing

The purpose of this public hearing is to present Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2016, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2015, adopting by reference the 2015 Edition of the International Plumbing Code, and setting forth details in regard thereto. No local amendments to the International Plumbing Code are proposed.

The adoption of Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2016 helps the Vail Town Council achieves it adopted goal of “*growing a thriving and balanced community*”.

### II. Background

In October of 2015, the Vail Town Council adopted Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2015. The purpose of the ordinance was to update the Town’s building code by adopting the most recent versions of the codes published at the time. At that time, the most recent published version of the International Plumbing Code was the 2102 Edition. Since that time, however, the International Code Council has published the 2015 Edition of the International Plumbing Code.

The newly published edition of the International Plumbing Code has been adopted by the State of Colorado. This is more commonly referred to as the “Colorado Plumbing Code”. Plumbing contractors and similar plumbing-related professionals are licensed by the State of Colorado. As an obligation of their licensure, plumbing contractors are required to complete their work in compliance with the Colorado Plumbing Code.

### III. Examples of Changes

The International Code Council (ICC) is responsible for the formulation of the International Codes (i.e., plumbing code, building code, mechanical code, fuel gas code, etc.). Upon publishing updated editions of the respective codes, ICC also publishes a reference document entitled, “Significant Changes to the International Plumbing Code”. The purpose of this document is to highlight the additions, modifications and clarifications to the code requirements.

In the case of the 2015 Edition of the International Plumbing Code, no significant changes exist, and therefore, no local amendments are being proposed. Examples of changes include:

- Floor drains are now considered waste receptors.
- Water coolers or water dispensers are now substitutable for a drinking fountain.
- Fat, Oil, and Grease Disposal Systems are now an additional form of grease interceptor that can be used.
- Required Public Toilet Facilities are no longer required for small businesses where quick transactions, such as take out, pick up and drop off occurs.

In summary, the majority of the changes and modifications broaden or further expand the means and methods whereby a plumbing contractor can comply with the requirements of the code and makes the use of newly developed technology and plumbing materials permissible.

### III. Action Requested

The Vail Town Council shall approve, approve with modifications, or deny Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2106 on second reading.

### IV. Staff Recommendation

The Community Development Department recommends the Vail Town Council approves Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2016 as read.