



Memorandum

To: Vail Town Council

From: Building and Fire Code Appeals Board
Town of Vail Community Development Department
Town of Vail Fire Department

Date: October 16, 2018

Subject: Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2018 – Adoption of the 2018 editions of the International Building Codes; and the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code; and the 1997 edition of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings; with amendments thereto.

I. Summary:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information to the Vail Town Council regarding repealing and reenacting Title 10, Chapter 1 of the Vail Municipal Code through adoption of the latest editions of the building codes as amended and recommended by the Building and Fire Code Appeals Board. The members of the Board making this recommendation are:

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| • Mark J. Mueller, PE (Chair) | Structural Engineer |
| • Rollie Kjesbo | General Contractor |
| • Kathy Langenwalter, RA | Architect |
| • Steve Loftus | Mechanical Engineer |
| • Mark Hallenbeck | General Contractor |
| • Mark Donaldson, RA | Architect |
| • Kyle Webb, RA | Architect |

In order to ensure the health, safety and general welfare of the public and promote the coordinated and harmonious development of the Town in a manner that conserves and enhances its natural environment and established character as a premiere resort and residential community, there is a need to maintain an updated set of building codes. The comprehensive set of codes proposed establishes minimum regulations for the design and construction of building systems through requirements that emphasize performance.

II. Background:

The building codes are updated on a three year cycle after an extensive code development process in which all interested and affected parties may participate. This

allows for the codes to stay current with the continually changing laws and technology that affect the construction industry.

The Building and Fire Code Appeals Board has held monthly public meetings over the last eight months comparing the changes from the previously adopted building codes and amendments to the 2018 building codes for the purpose of recommending the adoption of the 2018 building codes by Vail Town Council. The Board has revised a few of the existing amendments within the Towns current building code that are now found within the body of the building code(s), are out of date with current technology, and/or to better align with State of Colorado Requirements. The Board has also added provisions that address construction practices that are unique to our community.

Furthermore, the adoption of the latest edition of the National Electrical Code is mandated by the State of Colorado through Title 12, Article 23, of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

On September 20, 2018 the Building and Fire Code Appeals Board, in a vote of 6-0 with one member absent, unanimously approved Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2018, as written, for consideration by the Vail Town Council. The Community Development Department and Town of Vail Fire Department are in support of this recommendation.

III. Action Requested:

The Vail Town Council shall approve, approve with modifications, or deny Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2018 upon first reading.

If approved, the effective date shall be January 1, 2019.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.