

**CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 13-2025**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUILDING CODE UPDATE AND
ADOPTION POLICY FOR THE CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, cities all over Texas, in accordance with Chapter 214 of the Texas Local Government Code, have adopted modern construction codes to help ensure minimum standards for safe homes, schools, workplaces, and other buildings; and

WHEREAS, the active enforcement of construction codes by cities not only provides minimum standards for the structural and life safety components of homes, schools, churches, and buildings, but also provides energy efficient standards, all of which protects property values and sustains housing and commercial building options within a community; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the application of the codes helps provide safe buildings where citizens live and work, saves lives from natural disasters, reduces destruction, provides more insurable homes with lower rates, and ultimately saves money and resources; and

WHEREAS, the publisher of many of the codes, the International Code Council (ICC), updates its family of building codes – known as the International Codes – on a three-year cycle as a means of ensuring that the codes remain current with evolving technologies, construction practices, and safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has adopted the International Residential Code (IRC) and the National Electrical Code (NEC) as the standard building codes for residential construction in Texas cities; the International Building Code (IBC) for commercial and multi-family construction; the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); and both the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and the International Plumbing Code (IPC) (collectively referred to herein as the “Codes”); and

WHEREAS, City staff and the City’s Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals recommends that City Council adopt a policy to establish a structured process for the City’s review and updating for the Codes at regular intervals; and

WHEREAS, City Council is committed to supporting policies and practices that balance the interests of property owners, while also taking into account public safety; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that a public purpose exists in its adoption of the policy set out below;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF KERRVILLE, KERR COUNTY, TEXAS:**

SECTION ONE. BUILDING CODE UPDATE AND ADOPTION POLICY; PURPOSE: The City of Kerrville, Texas (City) recognizes the importance of maintaining a balance between private property rights and the public's interest in safe, resilient, and cost-effective building construction. To that end and based upon findings above, City Council adopts this *Building Code Update and Adoption Policy* (Policy) for the City's periodic and consistent review and adoption of building codes.

SECTION TWO. FREQUENCY AND SCOPE OF UPDATES: Effective as of the date of this Resolution and pursuant to this Policy, the City will review and consider the adoption of the Codes at least once every six years. This Policy aims to strike a balance between advancing safety and efficiency in the development and construction of homes and buildings while considering economic, environmental, and practical implications for all stakeholders involved. Each review is subject to the following:

A. Alignment with state and national standards and laws: the City shall ensure that all updates reflect changes in state and federal building regulations, as well as industry standards such as those set by the International Code Council (ICC) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). In addition, each review is subject to state law, to include Chapter 214, Texas Local Government Code, as may be amended.

B. Delay following Code publication: A review will occur approximately two years after publication and adoption of a Code by the code publishers so as to allow for: i) amendments, if any, and commentary; and ii) the building material industry to respond and catch-up to the new Codes. This effort is intended to ensure that construction practices reflect the latest advancements in safety, engineering, and building science, while also safeguarding the rights of property owners to develop and use their land with reasonable autonomy.

C. Public and Stakeholder Involvement – the City shall engage developers, architects, engineers, business owners, the construction trades, and residents in the review process to gather input and address potential concerns regarding feasibility, costs, and compliance challenges. In addition, City staff shall utilize the City's Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals, or its successor or equivalent as to its review and recommendations.

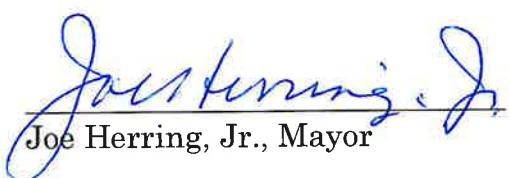
D. Resilience and Sustainability Considerations – the City's review shall consider the integration of modern building techniques that enhance energy efficiency, disaster resilience, and environmental sustainability, while aligning with climate action goals and sustainability initiatives.

E. Economic and Compliance Impact – the City's review shall assess the financial implications of updates for builders, property owners, and the local economy, while ensuring that regulatory updates and changes do not create unnecessary burdens or delays in construction and renovation projects.

F. Implementation and Enforcement – the City's review shall include discussing mechanisms for enforcing updated codes, including training and licensing for City inspectors, clear guidelines for permit applications, and possible grace periods for compliance with new regulations.

G. More frequent reviews: City staff, upon approval by City Council, may initiate a more frequent review than the standard cycle based on specific local factors, including technological changes, public safety concerns, severe weather events, or significant growth and development trends.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this the 10 day of June A.D.,
2025.



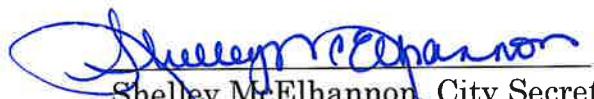
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