



Legislation Details (With Text)

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Title: Receive a Staff presentation and hold discussion regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 38 - Fire Prevention and Protection of the San Marcos City Code of Ordinances, and provide direction to Staff.

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: 1. SMFD Code Presentation_v6, 2. SM Fire Amendments v4 PDF, 3. Ord 2015-010_International fire code amendments adoption.pdf

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4/2/2019	1	City Council		

AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a Staff presentation and hold discussion regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 38 - Fire Prevention and Protection of the San Marcos City Code of Ordinances, and provide direction to Staff.

Meeting date: April 2, 2019

Department: Fire Department/Fire Prevention Division

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account Name: N/A

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: N/A

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

N/A

Choose an item.

Choose an item.

Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.

- ☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- ☐ Land Use - Choose an item.
- ☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- ☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- ☐ Transportation - Choose an item.
- ☒ Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

Background Information:

In 2015, the current amendments to the fire code were adopted. Based on an ever-changing fire and life safety environment, combined with technology and science, updates to the code are necessary. Also, the proposed amendments bring the City more in-line with local neighbors and best practices across Texas.

There is not a redline of Ordinance 2015-010_ International fire code amendments. Instead of starting with our previous amendments (origin unknown) we chose to start with the North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG) Regional Codes Coordinating Committee's (RCCC) model and make only the minimal necessary local amendments to their document. Because of the extensive vetting process undertaken by the RCCC and the input of numerous metroplex fire marshal's, these amendments are considered "best practices".

"NCTCOG's [Regional Codes Coordinating Committee \(RCCC\)](https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/regional-codes-coordinating-committee) <<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/regional-codes-coordinating-committee>> and its five advisory boards conducted multiple meetings to review the latest editions of the model codes and develop regional amendments. Their review and recommendations are endorsed by NCTCOG's Executive Board. Currently, NCTCOG encourages jurisdictions in North Central Texas to adopt the following model construction codes along with their respective regional amendments as expeditiously as their local code adoption process will allow."

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

N/A

Alternatives:

Remain under current amendments.

Recommendation:

Recommend adoption of the Fire Code Amendments as proposed.