

## **2024 Building Code Update Local Amendment Summary**

The ordinance to update Chapter 1 of Title 5 of the Municipal Code includes the following types of modifications:

1. Text was updated to clean up inconsistent language between the appendices;
2. Code section numbering was updated within the appendices where numbering changed from the prior code book version;
3. Existing local amendments were removed if they were no longer applicable; and
4. New local amendments were added.

The sections below provide additional detail regarding the local amendment modifications.

### Appendix A: Building Code

The local amendment to IBC Section 901.1.1 was removed because this section is not in the 2024 IBC. The language has been moved to Section 301.3.4 of the 2024 IEBC. A new local amendment is recommended in Appendix K to reflect this change.

Sections 903.2.8.2-903.2.8.4 and 903.2.10 were incorrectly codified in 2018. The changes are being made to correct the text to properly reflect the code.

### Appendix B: Residential Code

A local amendment is recommended to Section 322.4 of the IRC to expand on the City's existing visitability code. The changes include:

- Providing a minimum clear path to allow people to use a wheelchair or other mobility aid to access the plumbing fixtures in a main floor bathroom;
- Increasing the hallway width to provide a clear path to an exit; and
- Clarifying when visitability requirements are enforceable.

### Appendix C: Energy Conservation Code

The City is mandated by the State to enforce the current edition of the IECC with Illinois amendments. When the State adopted the 2024 IECC on November 30, 2025, the City automatically adopted the 2024 IECC as well.

Municipalities have the option to adopt the State of Illinois Stretch Energy Code in lieu of the currently adopted IECC. Staff recommends the City conduct an evaluation to compare the 2024 IECC and the 2026 Stretch Energy Code and bring back a recommendation to the City Council in the future.

#### Appendix D: Fire Prevention Code

A local amendment is recommended to Section 903.2.10 of the IFC to provide automatic sprinklers to assist with fire protection in new parking garages because fires caused by electric vehicles are more difficult to contain than other vehicle types.

#### Appendix E: Plumbing Code

Four local amendments are recommended to the IPC:

- Section 403 is recommended to be deleted in its entirety because it conflicts with the Illinois Plumbing Code.
- Local amendments to Sections 717.3, 717.3.1 and 717.4 are recommended to reflect the Water Utility's requirements for sanitary sewer relining.

#### Appendix F: Electrical Code

No local amendment modifications.

#### Appendix G: Fuel Gas Code

No local amendment modifications.

#### Appendix H: Property Maintenance Code

A local amendment is recommended related to Section 303.2 of the IPMC to require perimeter fencing for pools regardless of whether or not there is a lockable cover. This amendment is consistent with the City's existing local amendment in the ISPSC.

#### Appendix I: Mechanical Code

No local amendment modifications.

#### Appendix J: Swimming Pool and Spa Code

No local amendment modifications.

#### Appendix K: Existing Building Code

A local amendment is recommended related to Section 301.3.4 of the IEBC to replace the local amendment (901.1.1) that was removed in Appendix A because of the code section was moved from the IBC to the IEBC with the 2024 update.