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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

## Item Details

Presenter(s): Councilmember Terry Mahaffey, Sponsor

Department(s): Governing Body

### Requested Motion

Discuss, provide staff with direction, and schedule next steps as appropriate.

### Approval Recommended?

N/A

### Item Details

The Apex Town Council considered the proposed ordinance amendment during the October 24, 2023, regular meeting and the ordinance passed by a simple majority (3-2 with Councilmember Gantt and Councilmember Gray dissenting). For the Town to pass an ordinance on the date of introduction (first vote by council), the ordinance must receive an affirmative vote by 2/3s of its members. For Apex, this "supermajority" vote requires an affirmative vote of 4 members. Because the ordinance passed by a simple majority, it is being presented again for a second vote. **Council is not expected to vote on this item during the February 13, 2024, Regular Town Council Meeting.**

Council is expected to discuss the proposed amendment and provide clear direction to staff on additional information that is needed and/or would be helpful to them in considering this item on second reading. Additionally, Council will consider outlining the next steps in the process.

The North Carolina Building Code Council and/or Residential Building Code Council (new) will have to approve of the change before fire sprinkler systems can be required in Apex. It is anticipated that review and approval of the proposed ordinance will take several months.

The next North Carolina Building Code Council Meetings are March 18, 2024 and June 10, 2024. The deadline for agenda submission is the first day of the month, one month prior.

### Attachments

- OB1-A1: **REFERENCE ONLY** - Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 5 - Article 1 - Section 5 - Automatic Fire Sprinkler System

