



## Item Brief

### **Meeting Date**

March 24, 2026

### **Agenda Item**

Discuss and consider action: Ordinance 2026-09 L. Kimbler

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURNET, TEXAS, AMENDING CITY OF BURNET CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 22 (ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS") BY AMENDING SECTION 22-59 (ENTITLED "AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE"); AND AMENDING SECTION 22-167 (ENTITLED "AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE"); PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING CUMULATIVE, REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

### **Information**

In February 2025, City Council adopted the 2021 International Codes. The energy efficiency provisions of the 2021 International Residential Code and the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code designate Burnet County as Climate Zone 3A, while adjacent Williamson County and Travis County are designated as Climate Zone 2A. Code compliance requirements for Climate Zone 3A are generally more stringent than those for Climate Zone 2A.

Due to the lack of a clearly documented climatic distinction between Burnet County and neighboring counties designated as Climate Zone 2A, staff propose to amend the 2021 International Residential Code and International Energy Conservation Code to apply Climate Zone 2A to Burnet. A home constructed in Burnet in accordance with the 2021 codes, as amended to Climate Zone 2A, would achieve comparable code-prescribed baseline energy efficiency to a similar home constructed in Williamson or Travis Counties. Additionally, adoption of Climate Zone 2A standards may reduce construction costs associated with more stringent Climate Zone 3A requirements, thereby supporting housing affordability and overall project feasibility.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2026-09 as presented.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURNET, TEXAS, AMENDING CITY OF BURNET CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 22 (ENTITLED “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”) BY AMENDING SECTION 22-59 (ENTITLED “AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE”); AND AMENDING SECTION 22-167 (ENTITLED “AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE”); PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING CUMULATIVE, REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that adoption and enforcement of up to date and effective building codes are necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, general welfare and morals of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, the energy efficiency chapter of the 2021 International Residential Code and the International Energy Conservation Code designate Burnet County as being in Climate Zone 3A while the adjacent Williamson and Travis Counties is designated as being in Climate Zone 2A, and

**WHEREAS**, documented climatic differences between Burnet and neighboring counties are negligible; and

**WHEREAS**, code compliance standards established for Climate Zone 3A are substantially more rigorous than standards in effect for Climate Zone 2A; and

**WHEREAS**, a home located in Burnet County and built to the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code established for Climate Zone 2A will achieve comparable levels of energy efficiency as an identical home located in Williamson or Travis Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council finds, determines, and declares that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section One. Code Amendment.** Section 22-59 (entitled “Amendments to the International Residential Code”) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burnet is hereby amended by adding the language that is underlined (underlined) as follows:

(u) TABLE N1101.7 (R301.1) CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM HUMID DESIGNATION BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY is amended to designate Burnet County, Texas as Climate Zone 2A.

**Section Two. Code Amendment.** Section 22-167 (entitled “Amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code”) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burnet is hereby amended by adding the language that is underlined (underlined) as follows:

(e) TABLE R301.1 CLIMATE ZONES, MOISTURE REGIMES, AND WARM HUMID DESIGNATION BY STATE, COUNTY AND TERRITORY is amended to designate Burnet County, Texas as Climate Zone 2A.

**Section Three. Findings.** The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

**Section Four. Penalty.** A violation of this ordinance is unlawful and subject to City Code of Ordinances Sec. 1-6 (entitled “general penalty”).

**Section Five. Cumulative.** This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of all ordinances and codes, or parts thereof, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such Ordinances, in which event Section 5, (entitled “Repealer”) shall be controlling.

**Section Six. Repealer.** All ordinances and codes, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

**Section Seven. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

**Section Eight. Publication.** The publishers of the City Code are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing Code.

**Section Nine. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date of final adoption hereof.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

**CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS**

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Gary Wideman, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Maria Gonzales, City Secretary