



STAFF REPORT
1/22/2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Luis Lopez, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1147 amending Chapters 15.04, 15.08, 15.12, 15.16, 15.20, 15.24 and 15.32 of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) to adopt the 2019 Edition of California Building Code and Appendix J of the California Building Code (Grading), the 2019 Edition of the California Electrical Code, the 2019 Edition of the California Mechanical Code, the 2019 Edition of the California Plumbing Code, the 2019 Edition of the California Fire Code, and adding Chapter 15.53, with certain amendments thereto and conforming amendments.
(Second Reading)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1147 amending Chapters 15.04, 15.08, 15.12, 15.16, 15.20, 15.24, and 15.32 of Title 15 of the Coachella Municipal Code (Buildings and Construction) to adopt the 2019 Editions of the California Building and Fire Codes with selected Appendices and Amendments thereto, adding Chapter 15.53, and making conforming amendments.

BACKGROUND:

On December 11, 2019, the City Council conducted a public hearing and approved first reading of Ordinance No. 1147 to implement a Municipal Code Amendment to adopt the 2019 Editions of the California Building and Fire Codes. Every three years, the California Building Standards Commission requires that all city and county agencies enforce the latest editions of the California Codes as codified in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

DISCUSSION:

Attached for City Council's approval is the final version of Ordinance No. 1147 amending various chapters of Title 15 for repeal of existing text, and concurrent amendment in their entirety, to adopt the 2019 California Building and Fire Codes. The City's Fire Marshall has provided Riverside County's local amendments to the 2019 Fire Codes and the City is incorporating all prior local amendments with updates from the City's Building Official, and the recommendations of the Riverside County Fire Marshal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with adoption of the 2019 California Building and Fire Codes as these are regulatory requirements used in plan checking and permitting of future projects only. Lack of adoption would not relieve the City from complying with the uniform Codes, as explained above.

Attachment: Ordinance No. 1147 (2nd Reading)