

COUNCIL MEMO

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

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Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings The “Dangerous Buildings Code”

Jurisdictional authority to abate dangerous buildings requires adoption of code provisions separate from State Building Code. Staff are researching the most appropriate process and language for Council consideration in the near future. The purpose of this memo is to introduce the topic of dangerous building abatement codes.

According to the International Code Council (ICC) which developed the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, *“The provisions of this code were developed in order to afford jurisdictions reasonable procedures for the classification and abatement of dangerous buildings. If properly followed, the provisions of this code will provide the building official with the proper legal steps in abating dilapidated, defective buildings which endanger life, health, property and public safety within concepts of fair play and justice.”*

It is the purpose of this code to provide an equitable and practicable method, to be cumulative with and in addition to, any other remedy provided by law, whereby buildings or structures which from any cause endanger the life, health, property, safety or welfare of the general public or their occupants may be required to be repaired, vacated or demolished.

Adoption of a dangerous building code grants authority for the Building Official and/or other City representatives deemed appropriate, to require repair or demolitions of structures or buildings that endanger public safety.

The City currently has limited remedy for compliance and/or abatement for existing structures in disrepair that may risk public safety. What is available to the City is contained within nuisance ordinances and requires longer notice periods, limited abatement options or availability of the State Building Code or local Building Official to aid in resolving the matter.

Staff is currently in the process of reviewing and updating the City of Coburg Building Department Program Operating Plan, its building permit fees and City ordinances that locally adopt the State Building Codes (Structural, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, etc) for Council review and adoption (both ordinance and resolution) in upcoming Council meetings with a goal of complete review and adoption in January of 2026.