

CITY OF

**DICKINSON**

North Dakota

Department of Fire

To: City Commission

From: Mark Selle, Deputy Fire Chief

Date: December 8, 2025

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 18 – Adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code

#### Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to present the recommended amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 18 relating to the adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code (IFC) and to request Commission approval to move these updates forward for consideration.

#### Background

Municipal Code Chapter 18 governs fire prevention, fire safety regulations, and the enforcement authority of the Fire Department. The City of Dickinson currently operates under the 2021 edition of the IFC. The International Code Council (ICC) updates the code on a three-year cycle, and the 2024 IFC reflects current standards, emerging technologies, and best practices in fire protection, community risk reduction, and emergency response.

Updating to the 2024 IFC ensures alignment with state standards, improves clarity for developers and contractors, and enhances public safety through modernized requirements.

#### Summary of Proposed Amendments

The proposed ordinance adopts the 2024 IFC in full with amendments tailored to local needs and operational realities.

#### Key amendments include:

Lithium-Ion Battery Regulations - Incorporates local clarifications regarding storage for retail businesses.  
Outdoor Cooking, Open Burning, and Open Flame Devices Amendments - Defines the allowances and restrictions for recreational fires, outdoor grilling in public venues, and the use of open flame devices.


#### Key Change in the 2024 IFC:

Carbon Monoxide Detection – All buildings containing a carbon monoxide source will require CO detection.

#### Recommendation

The Fire Department recommends approval of the amendments of Municipal Code Chapter 18.

Thank You,



Mark Selle  
Deputy Fire Chief