



Staff Report

Subject: Ordinance Revision

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Meeting Date: August 18th, 2026

Item Description: Consideration of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 – Buildings and Building Regulations. Article II – Construction Codes.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance revision to adopt chapter 1 of the International Building Code (IBC).

Executive Summary/Background:

- The adopted chapter would cover policies that have been practiced in Effingham County for years while clarifying duties and procedures such as:
 - o Duties and powers of the Building Official
 - o Permit Requirements
 - o Certificate of Occupancy and the ability of Revocation.
 - o Construction documents, Inspections, Violations, and Stop Work Orders

Alternatives:

1. Approve an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to include Chapter 1 of the International Building Code (IBC).
2. Deny an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to include Chapter 1 of the International Building Code (IBC).

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Development Services, County Attorney **Funding:** N/A

Attachments: 1. Chapter 14 Buildings and Building Regulations. Article II – Construction Codes

