



FRUITA
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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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AGENDA TEXT: Overview of Upcoming Building Code Adoption – *Dan Caris, Community Development Director.*

BACKGROUND

This administrative update is intended to provide the City Council with essential information regarding the City's Building Codes and forthcoming amendments. As part of its commitment to maintaining up-to-date regulations, the City Council took significant action in 2019 by repealing, readopting, and amending Title 15 of the Fruita Municipal Code, which governs Building Codes. Because building codes are periodically revised, municipalities like Fruita typically review, update, and adopt the most current building codes in alignment with the latest code cycle.

Building Codes undergo updates for various reasons, with the primary objective of enhancing public safety, incorporating technological advancements, improving sustainability measures, promoting public health, and ensuring accessibility. These updates play a critical role in refining construction standards to make buildings safer, more energy-efficient, and environmentally sustainable while also aligning with best practices in the industry.

To ensure regional consistency in building code adoption, the City of Fruita has been working collaboratively with Mesa County's building department. By coordinating efforts, both entities aim to align their respective building codes as closely as possible to maintain uniformity across the Grand Valley. Mesa County has already initiated its process for adopting updated Building Codes, and relevant details regarding their adoption process have been included as part of this coversheet for the City Council's review.

Attached with the packet:
Draft Fruita Ordinance
Mesa County Ordinance (w/ Amendments)