

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA,
REQUESTING THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO SUPPORT
LEGISLATION FOR THE 2026 STATE OF OKLAHOMA LEGISLATIVE
SESSION.

- §1. WHEREAS, the staff and the governing body of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, have determined that a change is needed in the Oklahoma Statutes; and
- §2. WHEREAS, Oklahoma lacks clear statewide statutory guidance for classifying duplexes, triplexes, and quadruplexes under the International Residential Code (IRC) versus the International Building Code (IBC); and
- §3. WHEREAS, this ambiguity forces municipalities across the state to apply inconsistent standards, with many defaulting to expensive commercial building requirements for small multifamily housing; and
- §4. WHEREAS, the result is artificially inflated development costs that reduce affordable housing production statewide and create regulatory uncertainty for developers and municipalities; and
- §5. WHEREAS, Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act needs an amendment to explicitly define buildings with 2-4 dwelling units as residential structures subject to IRC provisions; and
- §6. WHEREAS, the new statute should direct the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission to adopt clear guidelines ensuring consistent statewide application of IRC standards for small multifamily buildings; and
- §7. WHEREAS, the benefits of said change in the Oklahoma Statutes will benefit the citizens of Norman and the State of Oklahoma by providing more effective and efficient municipal government services to its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- §8. That the City of Norman, Oklahoma, hereby requests the Oklahoma Municipal League to support legislation as described on the attached form for the 2026 Oklahoma Legislative Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk