



Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Agenda Title:

- Proposed change to Chapter 52-27 (b) regarding safe rooms for Group E Occupancy

Department/Contact Person:

- Missy Gentry, Development Coordinator

Background Information:

- Staff was made aware of a change within the currently effective 2018 International Building Code (IBC) requiring Storm Shelters to be constructed for buildings with a Group E Occupancy with an occupant load of 50 or more.
- This will require any current Group E Occupancy to install a storm shelter for any expansion or addition which was not required under previous IBC code.
- Group E Occupancies include but are not limited to, Educational thru grade 12, religious worship, and day care facilities.
- The suggested amendment will only affect additions or expansions of existing Group E Occupancies that are less than 25% of the total square footage of the structure.
- The Amendment shall read as follows:
 - Section 423 is amended to include the following addition: Section 423.4.3 Group E Occupancy Campuses. Where a Group E Occupancy Building having an aggregate occupancy load of 50 or more is added to an existing Group E Occupancy campus, a storm shelter complying with ICC 500 and capable of housing the total occupancy load of all the Group E Occupancy buildings on campus shall be installed when the additional building increase the floor area of the classrooms, vocation rooms, and offices of the campus by more than 25%.
- A copy of the proposed changes will be on file with the City Clerk for review for the next 90 days with an ordinance to follow this required time period.

Financial Information:

- There is no financial impact.

Staff Recommendation:

- None at this time

Attachments:

- None