



CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

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Administration	Drew Nelson - City Administrator	February 16, 2021

ITEM

Resolution 2021-02 – Supporting the City’s Adoption of Either the 2018 or 2021 Version of the International Energy Conservation Code (“IECC”) and Thereby Urging Chaffee County and its Building Department to Formally Adopt the Same

BACKGROUND

The City of Salida currently works in cooperation with Chaffee County through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to utilize the County’s Building Department for building inspection services. These services include the review (and eventual approval) of building plans that meet the adopted building codes of both organizations. The IGA requires that both the City and County adopt substantially similar codes in order to make it easier for contractors and inspectors to know which codes are in effect regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Currently, the City and County have adopted most of the 2015 International Codes (residential, commercial, plumbing, fire, etc.); however, there is one exception in which the City and County have remained on an older version – the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code.

As part of the consideration of work performed over the past year by the City’s Sustainability Committee, the City Council has received a recommendation from the Committee to adopt a more current version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) in order to require more efficient construction of residential and commercial buildings in the future. The current version of the 2006 IECC excludes provisions that would require more energy-efficient fixtures and designs for new construction of homes



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and commercial spaces. The Sustainability Committee believes that the 2006 IECC is outdated and passively contributes to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by not requiring a higher standard for design and construction. The Sustainability Committee acknowledges that many builders and designers may currently build to newer, higher standards for energy conservation but that it is important to reduce GHG emissions more quickly than what the 2006 IECC baseline requires.

In order to move the baseline up, the City and County must agree to adopt a newer version of the IECC following the possible commissioning of a code review panel (generally made up of industry professionals and experts in design). The Sustainability Committee spent a number of its meetings discussing code provisions with local builders to see if there would be issues with adopting a more recent version of the IECC. As noted above, the prevailing belief during these discussions was that many designers and builders currently work towards the highest standard already, and that raising the floor to promote energy conservation would have a negligible effect on construction costs or educational training for contractors and designers. Through this process, it has become the recommendation of the Sustainability Committee that the City and County adopt either the 2018 or 2021 IECC as quickly as possible. The attached resolution (2021-02) was requested by the City Council at its last meeting as an effort to kick start the process of code review, adoption, and implementation.

It should be noted that the proposed Resolution 2021-02 was drafted by the City Attorney and members of the Sustainability Committee to express the recommendation of the Committee via the proper legal path to adoption of either the 2018 or 2021 IECC.



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FISCAL NOTE

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2021-02.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A City Councilmember should make a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 supporting the City's adoption of either the 2018 or 2021 version of the International Energy Conservation Code and thereby urging Chaffee County and its Building Department to formally adopt the same, followed by a second and a roll call vote.

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 02
(Series of 2021)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
SUPPORTING THE CITY'S ADOPTION OF EITHER THE 2018 OR 2021
VERSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE
("IECC") AND THEREBY URGING CHAFFEE COUNTY AND ITS BUILDING
DEPARTMENT TO FORMALLY ADOPT THE SAME**

WHEREAS, the City of Salida, Colorado ("City") is a statutory city, duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-401, the City by and through its City Council ("Council"), possesses the authority to adopt laws and ordinances within its police power in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Sustainability Committee has been working on a Climate Action Plan for adoption by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Sustainability Committee has studied, among other areas, how residential and commercial buildings contribute to greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Sustainability Committee has concluded that updating City Building Codes will have an immediate positive effect on GHG emissions caused by residential and commercial buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City Sustainability Committee recommends that City update its Energy Conservation Code to either the 2018 or 2021 versions of the IECC; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that, under the current "Building Inspection" Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Chaffee County, approved by the City Council via Resolution 2013-82, the City is required to maintain the same or similar standard versions of the technical building codes as the County, including the International Energy Conservation Code ("IECC"), and that 2006 version of the IECC is currently outdated; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to decrease the GHG emissions caused by residential and commercial buildings in the City by updating its Energy Conservation Code, by adopting the 2018 or 2021 IECC, thereby positively affecting the health and welfare of its residents, customers and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Salida City Council incorporates the foregoing recitals as its conclusions, facts, determinations and findings.

Section 2. The Salida City Council hereby urges the Board of Chaffee County

Commissioners and the Chaffee County Building Department to formally adopt the most current version of the International Energy Conservation Code, or either the 2018 or 2021 version, with all due speed.

RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

CITY OF SALIDA

By: _____
P.T. Wood, Mayor

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ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk