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**Meeting Date:** June 09, 2025

**Subject:** “Building Codes” Update

**Attachments:** Ordinance 2025-04 Amending TMC 15.01 to Adopt the 2021 International Codes by Reference

**Presented by:** Andrew Hattori, CED Director

**Approved for Agenda by:** Dan Ford, City Manager

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**Discussion:**

The City of Toppenish, as required by law, adheres to and applies the requirements of various “building codes”. These codes are periodically updated to account for changes in construction practices and trends. Washington State requires that each municipality adhere to these codes but provides the ability to expand on requirements as modified via Ordinance. The proposed code update includes a revision to the International Fire Code (IFC) regulating outdoor tire storage for increased fire safety.

Currently the City’s code has adopted the 2018 versions of “building codes”, while the state has adopted the 2021, meaning that our code is not up to date. The proposed Ordinance is to align the City’s codes to the current State’s, and to apply various modifications that have historically been applied.

Codes to be updated from 2018 to 2021 include:

- International Building Code (IBC)
- International Residential Code (IRC)
- International Mechanical Code (IMC)
- International Fire Code (IFC)
- Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)
- International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC)

**Fiscal Impact:**

No fiscal impact.

**Recommendation:**

Approved Ordinance 2025-04 amending TMC Chapter 15.01 to update adopted building code versions from 2018 to 2021.