

## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Ordinance amending the Bellevue City Code to incorporate the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, with conformance and consistency amendments, as chapter 23.20 in the Bellevue City Code; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Ordinance will incorporate the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, with conformance and consistency amendments, as a new chapter 23.20 in Title 23 – Construction Codes of the Bellevue City Code (BCC). This Code has not been updated or published since the 1997 Edition. If this Ordinance is adopted, the City will no longer adopt this Code by reference.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Ordinance No.6536

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The purpose of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings (Uniform Code) is to ensure continuing safety of buildings and structures in the City. The Uniform Code provides for a just, equitable and practicable method to require repair, vacation, or demolition of dangerous buildings or structures. “Dangerous buildings” is defined as when there are conditions or defects that endanger life, health, property or safety of the public.

The City has been adopting the Uniform Code by reference in its regular updates to the Building Code (BCC 23.10.010.C) for many years. Originally published by the International Council of Building Officials, the latest edition of this Uniform Code is the 1997 Edition. Subsequent to this edition, there have been no updates or publications of the Uniform Code.

This Ordinance will incorporate the Uniform Code as a new chapter 23.22 in BCC Title 23 Construction Codes. The Ordinance also includes conformance and consistency amendments in order to bring the regulations up to date and to ensure that they will work well with the structure of other City Codes. These amendments include eliminating redundant and conflicting provisions and modifying certain terminologies and definitions. However, the overall intent and substance of the new chapter 23.22 BCC remain the same.

This proposed Ordinance is part of a package of proposed ordinances to update the Building Code and Fire Code. If adopted, the effective date of the Fire Code amendments is October 29; and the Building Code amendments is February 1, 2021. This Ordinance is on the same timeline as the Building Code Ordinances. The Building Code Ordinances also include removing the adoption of the Uniform Code by

reference in BCC 23.10.010.C. Council considered this package in Study Session on September 21. After discussion, Council directed staff to prepare this Ordinance for adoption.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

The proposed Ordinance will incorporate the Uniform Code, which has not been updated or published since its 1997 Edition, as a new chapter in the BCC, with conformance and consistency amendments, which will result in clearer City Code and more efficient and predictable administration of the Uniform Code.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact resulting from this Ordinance.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance amending the Bellevue City Code to incorporate the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, with conformance and consistency amendments, as chapter 23.20 in the Bellevue City Code; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

A. Strike-draft of Uniform Code of Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, chapter 23.20 BCC  
Proposed Ordinance No. 6536

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A