

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance repealing Chapter 23.11 of the Bellevue City Code and adopting a new Chapter 23.11 of the Bellevue City Code in order to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code with amendments; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During discussion at the September 21 Study Session, Council raised a concern related to the proposed code update ordinance amending Chapter 23.11 BCC, which adopts the 2018 model fire code, including Washington State amendments and certain City of Bellevue technical and administrative amendments.

### On-Demand Fueling

Due to environmental concerns, Councilmember Robertson asked if the City should prohibit on-demand fueling. At this time, staff propose to implement the 2018 fire code and monitor whether on-demand fueling occurs and what concerns may be identified. If fire prevention staff observe environmental or other issues, staff can bring back an amendment to the 2018 fire code.

## RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6532

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The set of six code update Ordinances would become effective in two phases due to different mandatory dates required by different state laws and state agencies. Phase 1 includes two Ordinances that are proposed for an effective date of October 29, 2020, and phase 2 includes four Ordinances proposed for an effective date of February 1, 2021.

Effective February 1, 2021, the State Building Code Act, Chapter 19.27 RCW, and the WAC Chapters listed below, requires all cities and counties to begin enforcing the 2018 model construction codes, as adopted and amended by the State of Washington. The State Building Code Act allows cities and counties (with some exceptions) to amend the codes, provided that such amendments do not diminish the performance standards or objectives outlined in the State Building Code Act. The proposed technical amendments primarily bring forward current code requirements related to firefighting operations and high-rise construction.

The complete list of proposed ordinances is indicated below:

Ordinance No.	Effective Date:	Code:	BCC Chapter:
6533	10/29/20	Building & Electrical (FARS and NEC)	23.10 & 23.30
6534	10/29/20	Fire (fees, radio system, elevators, FARS)	23.11
6531	02/01/21	Construction	23.05, 23.10,
		23.12, 23.13, 23.16, 23.50, 23.60, & 23.85	
6532	02/01/21	Fire Code	23.11
6536	02/01/21	Abatement of Dangerous Buildings Code	23.20
6535	02/01/21	Uniform Housing Code	23.22

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

The fire code update is not anticipated to have any significant policy impacts.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is a minor fiscal impact resulting from the amendments to the fire code to address staff training and the update of public information, which is anticipated to be fully absorbed under the existing budget. There are not additional requirements or programs imposed by this code change requiring additional staff or budget resources.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance repealing Chapter 23.11 of the Bellevue City Code and adopting a new Chapter 23.11 of the Bellevue City Code in order to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code with amendments; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

A. Councilmember Robertson's Amendment No. 1 to Proposed Ordinance 6532  
Proposed Ordinance No. 6532

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N/A