

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 6, 2020

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT **2018 Fire Code Amendment Adoption**

On November 9, 2020 the Dallas City Council will be briefed on the necessity and process of adopting Section 510: Emergency Responder Radio Coverage, of the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) as a single 2020 Dallas Fire Code Amendment, as well as begin the adoption process for the 2021 version of the IFC with 2021 Dallas Fire Code Amendments.

The Fire Code publication and adoption process occur every three years. The adoption process includes the following steps: A review of a draft of the code by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), a review by the Fire Code Advisory and Appeals Board, an internal review by DFR, and public meetings with business communities. After completion of this process, a formal briefing is presented to the Public Safety Committee members.

As part of the normal adoption process, Dallas Fire-Rescue reviews the most current version of the fire code for adoption. The 2018 International Fire Code did not offer significant changes from the currently adopted 2015 International Fire Code. The 2021 version of the IFC was released in October 2020. The NCTCOG code review process is tentatively scheduled to begin before the end of the calendar year 2020 with anticipation of completing the internal review process by the Spring of 2021.

We believe that the adoption of the proposed section from the 2018 IFC will meet the growing needs of the City of Dallas and external stakeholders for new construction projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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