



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Planning and Community Development Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Michael Shannon

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Briefing and possible action on the recommended update to Chapter 6, Buildings, by adopting the proposed 2021 San Antonio Property Maintenance Code (SAPMC) based off the 2021 International Code Council (ICC) International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). [Roderick J. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services]

**SUMMARY:**

This Ordinance authorizes an amendment to Chapter 6, Buildings by updating the City's minimum property maintenance code.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The San Antonio Property Maintenance Code (SAPMC) was adopted in May of 2011. The building-related, fire and property maintenance codes that apply to the construction, alteration, enlargement, replacement, use and occupancy of every building or structure are updated by the International Code Council (ICC) and National Fire Protection Association every three years. The

current SAPMC is substantially based off the 2018 ICC International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

Beginning in February 2022, Development Services Department (DSD) reviewed the 2021 editions of the ICC building-related, fire and property maintenance codes as part of its normal three-year code update process. The ICC property maintenance code is included as part of the ICC family of codes.

In April 2022, DSD held two (2) virtual meetings to notify the public of the upcoming code adoption process. DSD established the 2021 SAPMC Code Review Committee to review and propose updates to the current SAPMC. Per City Code Chapters 6 and 10, the BSB is authorized to review and consider amendments to the San Antonio Property Maintenance Code and shall make recommendations to the code official for adoption thereof. BSB created a subcommittee of BSB members to serve as the SAPMC Code Review Subcommittee. Four (4) additional non-BSB resident members were selected to the Code Review Subcommittee.

DSD coordinated eight (8) public meetings of the 2021 SAPMC Code Review Committee in which the committee reviewed the current City property maintenance code and proposed several amendments to it. In August 2022, DSD held an additional four (4) public meetings to provide a progress report update to the community.

DSD presented the proposed 2021 SAPMC update to the Building Standards Board at one (1) open public hearing on September 8, 2022. The Board recommended approval of the current draft of the proposed 2021 SAPMC. The Committee recommended the proposed amendment be sent to the full City Council for approval.

#### **ISSUE:**

This proposed ordinance will update the City's minimum property maintenance code to the 2021 San Antonio Property Maintenance Code. The 2021 SAPMC is substantially based off the 2021 ICC International Property Maintenance Code and is coordinated with the other 2021 ICC building-related and fire codes that are also being considered for adoption. As part of the proposed code update, the City will enter into a licensing agreement with the International Code Council to printout and sell a consolidated document for property owners.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

**This item is for briefing purposes only.**

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

If the City Council does not adopt the updated 2021 SAPMC, the currently adopted 2018 SAPMC will remain in effect.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends this committee approves the proposed recommended amendments to the San Antonio Property Maintenance Code to move forward to the City Council for consideration.