



ADOPTION OF 2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

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2018 International Fire Code

- The 2018 International Fire Code and Appendix D for Fire Apparatus Access Roads is the most current version of fire and life safety standards/methods available.
- Killeen currently enforces the 2009 and portions of the 2015 International Fire codes (IFC).
- The IFC is updated every three years.

Benefits of Adopting the New Codes

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- Affords the citizens the safest buildings in which to live and work.
- Designers/builders will have access to the most current fire safety methods.
- Assists in maintaining the lowest insurance rates for citizens.

Significant Code Changes

- ▣ **Residential Development Access:** additional fire access roads required for larger developments.
- ▣ **Fire Safety, Evacuation and Lockdown:** plan requirement changes.
- ▣ **Crowd Managers:** more stringent requirements when applicable.
- ▣ **Combustible decorative materials:** walls and ceilings limited in most commercial occupancies.
- ▣ **Automatic Fire Sprinkler System:** required in educational occupancies over 300.

Alternatives

□ Alternatives Considered

1. Maintain current adopted code. This option would not provide for the most up to date standards.
2. Delay adoption until 2021 when the next version of the code is available.
3. Approve the 2018 IFC code and amendments with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

Recommendation

- Staff recommends City Council's adoption of 2018 International Fire Code as amended and Appendix D, pertaining to Fire Apparatus Access Roads.