



STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 13, 2018
TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager
FROM: Brian Brank, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Adoption of New Fire Code

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The 2018 International Fire Code is the most current version of fire and life safety standards/methods available.

By keeping current with new fire codes the community is afforded the safest buildings in which to live and work.

Currently, Killeen is enforcing the 2009 and portions of the 2015 International Fire Code. Adoption of the 2018 International Fire Code including Appendix D will update to the most current version.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

1. Maintain current adopted code. This will not provide for the most up to date standards.
2. Delay adoption until the 2021 year codes are available. Delay will prevent the requirement of designers and builders to comply with newest fire safety standards.
3. Approve the recommended amendments as presented with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The FY 2017/2018 Business Plan for the Fire Department Fire Prevention Division identified the mission statement to prevent and reduce the incidence of fire and increase safety and knowledge to citizens. This ordinance, if approved by City Council, is in line with this mission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

\$209.50 for code books. No other costs until year 2021.

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

Reoccurs every three years

Is this expenditure budgeted?

Yes.

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

Yes.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends approval as submitted.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance