


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 <p>CITY OF <b>DES MOINES</b> OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER</p>	Number:	<b>24-121</b>	Meeting:	<b>March 18, 2024</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>28</b>	Roll Call:	<b>24-0421</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Cody Christensen, Development Services Director and John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support the Central Iowa Code Consortium (CICC).

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend signing/approving the MOU to support the CICC.

## FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The MOU outlines the creation of the CICC, a collaborative effort to improve consistency in the adoption and enforcement of building and fire codes in the many communities that make up our metro area. This project began in 2015 and has been through three code cycles.
- The CICC is a collaborative effort between all participating communities to review code changes, recommend changes to these codes, and produce a metro “model” code for all communities to consider through their local code adoption process. This project does NOT propose to make recommendations on permit process, code administration, appeals processes, or specific local amendments deemed necessary by local code officials. The goal of this process is to publish a metro code that will promote uniformity and consistency between local communities.
- The principal benefits of the CICC are: shared resources during new code review which results in reductions in staff time required for each community, consistency between jurisdictional lines, and incorporating industry in the process which will help to ensure codes are fair and that controversial topics will have been resolved at the metro level rather than each municipality.
- The CICC Steering Committee recommends a timetable that would include adoption of the 2024 construction codes in early 2025. The Committee has established benchmarks to ensure this is possible.
- The MOU has been approved by Clive, Grimes, Johnston, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, Urbandale, Waukee, and West Des Moines. Ankeny has chosen not to participate.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 18, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1565](#)

Action: [Revised](#) and updated MOU to support the CICC. ([Council Communication No. 21-428](#))  
Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 20, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-0662](#)

Action: [MOU](#) to support the CICC. ([Council Communication No. 15-214](#)) Moved by Hensley to  
adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals

Date: March 12, 2015

Action: Motion to recommend approval of the CICC MOU and provide Board feedback to the CICC  
Steering Committee regarding the importance of stakeholder involvement.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

- New editions of building and fire codes are published every three (3) years. Keeping current editions of the codes adopted allows City regulations to keep up with the latest construction methods and technologies.

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