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NOTICE

Next Steps in the Adoption of the 2010 Denver Building Code

On December 1, 2009, Development Services began the public consideration of the 2010 Denver Building Code, comprised of the 2009 International Code Council (ICC) Codes and proposed Amendments. Denver is updating the Building Code to incorporate new technology and best practices for construction, with the overall goals of building safety and fire prevention. Adopting the latest series of ICC codes will continue Denver's alignment with standard practices across the country.

The City instituted a simplified process for public consideration utilizing the Combined Board of Appeals (CBOA), consisting of both Building and Fire Code Boards of Appeals to conduct a series of seven public hearings. Public participation in these code adoption hearings was very successful. At these public hearings citizens, architects, contractors, industry organizations and City representatives were able to both speak for or against proposed amendments to the 2009 International Codes, and propose amendments of their own for consideration. The CBOA heard their statements and selected the amendments to include in the 2010 Denver Building Code. The body of these amendments, in addition to the minutes from each public hearing, is available on our website: www.DenverGov.org/Building

After seven public hearings, and the consideration of all proposed amendments, the final version of the Codes will be submitted, as an ordinance, to City Council. When City Council approves the proposed ordinance it will contain rules for the transition from the current Building Code to the new code, tentatively scheduled for Summer of 2010. As the schedule for passage of the adopting ordinance becomes available it will be included in the information on our website.

Now, more than ever, we are committed to provide the best service available to our customers in construction and development. We are very proud of our expanded services and improvements in customer satisfaction. A full description of our expanded services, as well as resources to help answer any questions, is available on our website: www.DenverGov.org/Building

Frequently Asked Questions
About the
Adoption Process for the 2010 Denver Building Code

1. How will the new Codes be considered?

The City has established a simplified process for the adoption of the 2009 International Codes utilizing the Combined Board of Appeals (CBOA), consisting of both Building and Fire Code Boards of Appeals. On behalf of Mayor, the CBOA reviewed code and amendments in preparation for submittal to City Council as an ordinance.

2. Who wrote the amendments included in the 2010 Denver Building Code?

You did! The City relied on all interested stakeholders to help refine and perfect the 2009 International Codes before adoption. In addition to amendments proposed by the public, City staff proposed additional amendments that were considered by the CBOA.

3. When will the 2010 Denver Building Code be enforced in the City and County of Denver?

After two rounds of public hearings, and the consideration of all proposed amendments, the final version of the Codes will be submitted, as an ordinance, to City Council. When City Council approves the proposed ordinance it will contain rules for the transition from the current Building Code to the new code, tentatively scheduled for Summer of 2010.

4. How long will I be able to continue using the 2008 Denver Building Code?

When City Council approves the proposed ordinance it will contain rules for the transition from the current Building Code to the new code, tentatively scheduled for Summer of 2010.

5. Will the process for obtaining permits change with the adoption of a new Building Code?

No. The services provided by Development Services will not change with the adoption of the updated Building Code!

6. Where can I find more information about the Code adoption process or get answers to specific questions?

The best source for up-to-date information about the Code adoption process, the permitting process, code updates and advisories is our website: www.DenverGov.org/Building