

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: May 19, 2008
Reviewed by: *BP*

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 08-05 Amending Albany Municipal Code Section 12-6.1
Regarding Adoption of Building Codes

FROM: Jeff Bond, Planning Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 08-05 amending Albany Municipal Code Section 12-6.1 Regarding Adoption of Building Codes.

BACKGROUND

In December 2007, the City Council approved changes to the Municipal Code that were required in order to adopt the 2007 California Building Code. At the time of the adoption of the 2007 California Building Code, the adoption of the “Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings” was inadvertently omitted. The proposed ordinance corrects this omission.

DISCUSSION

The California Building Code provides basic authority for the City to address unsafe buildings. The proposed adoption of the “Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings” provides a more detailed definition of what constitutes a dangerous building than exists in the standard building code (Section 302). It also provides more detail the process for the City to enforce the Code and for property owners to appeal City decisions (Sections 400-900). Similar to other building code related appeals, the Community Development Director serves as the “Building Official” and pursuant to Council action on March 11, 2008, the Planning and Zoning Commission would serve as the “Board of Appeals.”

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

Attachments

1. Ordinance #08-05
2. Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings