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BOARD SUMMARY REPORT

Date: June 27, 2019

To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Bryan Weimer, Director Public Works and Development

From: Joe Richards, Building Division Manager

Subject: **STUDY SESSION TO DISCUSS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER APPROVAL TO RECOGNIZE THE ADOPTION OF THE 2018 FIRE CODE BY SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Direction/Information

This agenda item is to provide background on the request of the South Metro Fire Protection District (District) to recognize adoption of the 2018 Fire Code by the District.

Request and Recommendation:

Concurrence of the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) to move forward with an adoption hearing and resolution acknowledging the adoption of the 2018 Fire Code by South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District as it works in conjunction with the Public Works and Development Department (PWD) - Building Division and the 2015 adopted codes.

PWD Staff recommends that the BoCC support bringing this request from the District to a hearing for an acknowledgement resolution.



Background

Historical actions support the cooperation with South Metro by resolution.

Links to Align Arapahoe

Service First:

This resolution is consistent in providing the community with the best in Life Safety services available.

Discussion

Colorado Revised Statutes (32-1-1002(1)(d) provides that no fire code shall apply within the unincorporated portion of any county unless the governing body of such county adopts a resolution stating such code or specific portions thereof shall be applicable within the fire protection district's boundaries. Historically, the BoCC has adopted previous resolutions for acknowledging fire code resolutions.

It is in the interest of the citizens of Arapahoe County that fire protection districts be able to exercise their powers in the adoption and enforcement of fire codes.

The provided resolution by the District and the County Attorney comments are part of this document for review.

Alternatives

Taking no action can cause a breakdown in communication between the Fire District and the Building Division. Interaction with the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District is vital to the process of issuing certificates of occupancy insuring all life safety issues are addressed and inspected for compliance. No Certificate of Occupancy (CO's) are issued unless both institutions are in agreement.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this study session.

Concurrence

The Public Works and Development Department concurs with the proposal for the Building Division to have the BoCC pass an acknowledgement resolution for the South Metro Fire Rescue and Fire Protection District adoption of the 2018 Fire Code. Staff has coordinated with the District as well.

Attorney Comments

The County Attorney's Department has reviewed this document and the resolution.

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