

**STAFF REPORT**  
November 23, 2020

**Topic:** Third reading to amend City Code Chapter 119 Building Construction and Chapter 135 Electrical Standards, to update the adopted versions to current versions, so the City is line with State standards.

**Discussion:** The State recently adopted updated versions of several building codes to the 2015 versions and electrical codes to the 2017 versions. The City is currently on much older versions. This causes confusion with contractors that work in multiple municipalities as they are now used to the State adopted versions. Additionally, occasionally, State inspectors will do random inspections in the city and they are expecting work to conform to the State adopted versions and not the City's older versions.

While there are numerous changes in the codes, from 2006 to 2015 for example, these changes have occurred over multiple revisions (usually every three years) and most active contractors are aware of these changes and have been conforming to them to some degree.

The Code Department will start enforcing the new standards with any new permits issued after January 1, 2021. Between now and then, we will be advising contractors the new codes will be in effect and pointing out any differences in their present work vs. the new standards as an educational opportunity.

This item was tabled at the November 9, 2020 Council meeting.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fiscal impact to the City.

**Staff Recommendation:** The Code Department recommends the amendments.

**This report submitted by:** Dean Trefethen, Planning and Code Enforcement Director

**Proposed motions:**

*"I move to remove this item from the table."*

*"I move to waive a reading of these Ordinances in their entirety and to read by titles only."*

*"I move a third reading of Ordinance 2020-119-10, Building Construction and Ordinance 2020-135-1, Electrical Standards."*

*"I move to approve Ordinance 2020-119-10, Building Construction and Ordinance 2020-135-1, Electrical Standards."*