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City Council Members

From:

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Subject:

Codification of City Code

Date:

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A Committee of employees from various departments has been meeting to review the recommended legal changes submitted by Municode of our ordinances. The purpose of these changes is to ensure our code is not in violation of federal law and does not conflict with State law. Municode also recommends eliminating some sections because they seem no longer necessary. The most common change is to eliminate sections that are the same as State Code to eliminate duplication. The attached document includes the proposed changes by Municode and the Committee's response to the proposed changes in red.

This document does not include the actual code. In order to review the proposed changes you will need to go to the City's website and open the current City Code found in the City Recorder page to review each of the recommendations. Municode is currently preparing the new codified code but we did not want to wait until it was completed before allowing the City Council to review it. If the City Council decides to make further changes, we can then submit those before Municode finalizes the codified code.

It is important to know we did not focus on updating the entire code. Many sections have been updated recently and others, such as the development code, are updated on a regular basis. We believed it was more important to codify the code for the public than spend much more time updating the entire code. Once codified, the City can go back and update sections as necessary.