

IMPACT STATEMENT**Legislation title:**

*Adopt the State of Oregon 2019 Editions of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code and the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (Ordinance; amend Code Titles 24 and 27)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This ordinance amends references in Titles 24 and 27 to the current editions of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code, the International Building Code, the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code, and the International Mechanical Code.

The City of Portland, Bureau of Development Services serves as the local administrator for the State Building Codes. On October 1, 2019, the State of Oregon adopted the 2019 Oregon Structural Specialty Code and the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code. As such, the City must amend the local titles that reference these codes.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There are no financial or budgetary impacts associated with the proposed ordinance outside of standard costs associated with code changes, including purchasing new codes and staff training. No new regulations are created by the proposed amendments.

Community impacts and community involvement:

No community involvement was conducted in the development of this ordinance. Limited outreach will be conducted to inform customers of the State code changes.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

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To: Mayor Wheeler
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 Commissioner Fish
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From: Rebecca Esau, Director *RE*
 Bureau of Development Services

Regarding: Proposed Amendments to City Code Title 24, Building Regulations, and Title 27, Heating and Ventilating Regulations

I. RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the State of Oregon 2019 Editions of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code and the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (Ordinance; amend Code Titles 24 and 27).

II. BACKGROUND

On October 1, 2019, the State of Oregon Building Codes Division enacted changes to two specialty codes, the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) and the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC). These new codes are based upon current editions of the International Building Code and the International Mechanical Code.

ORS 455.040 requires that the State Building Code be uniform throughout the State of Oregon. The City serves as the local administrator for the State Building Code and has adopted the State Structural and Mechanical Specialty Codes by reference in Portland City Code Titles 24 and 27.

To maintain the City status of code administrator and to maintain consistency with State Building Code requirements, the City should revise the applicable sections of Titles 24 and 27 to reference the current versions of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code and the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code. The attached ordinance accomplishes the State requirements by adopting new versions of the Structural Specialty Code and Mechanical Specialty Code.

In addition to adopting the 2019 versions of these State Building Codes, the ordinance specifies certain non-building structures that require a building permit, such as tanks, retaining walls, and cell towers. The Oregon Building Codes Division, which adopts the

State Building Codes, determined in 2019 that the State Building Code no longer regulated these structures, but local jurisdictions could continue to regulate them via local ordinance. By adopting the provisions for these structures, the City will continue to regulate them, which ensures those structures are reviewed for fire and life safety. The ordinance also explicitly requires that all development-related City regulations are met before a building permit is issued.