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Regarding: Title 24 Regulatory Gap Created During 2022 Oregon Structural Specialty Code Adoption

I. RECOMMENDATION

Add Reference to 2021 International Building Code Chapter 32 and Portions of Chapter 33 Code to Chapter 24.10.040 to close the Regulatory Gap (Add Code Section 24.10.040(F)).

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to ORS 455.148, the City of Portland serves as the administrator for the State Building Codes, including the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC). The State Building Codes Division manages the content of the OSSC, adopting relevant portions of the International Building Code (IBC). The State Building Codes Division did not adopt Chapters 32 or Sections of Chapter 33 from the 2021 IBC into the 2022 OSSC. This has created a regulatory gap related to construction safety and encroachments in the public right of way. The OSSC states that municipalities may choose to regulate items outside the authority of the code. Per Portland City Title 3, the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) administers and enforces Portland City Title 24 (Building Regulations). This ordinance closes that gap by adopting Chapter 32 and sections of Chapter 33 of the 2021 IBC into Title 24, granting BDS regulatory authority.

This ordinance amends the Administration and Enforcement Chapter of Portland City Code (PCC) Title 24 by adding Section 24.10.040.F to adopt by reference the 2021 International Building Code (IBC) Chapters 32 in entirety and 33, Sections 3301, =, 3306, 3307, and 3308.

This ordinance adopts a Severability Clause to Title 24, Section 24.10.150.