

## IMPACT STATEMENT

### Legislation title:

Adopt the State of Oregon 2017 Editions of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code, the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code, and the Oregon Electrical Specialty Code (Ordinance; amend Code Titles 24, 25, 26).

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### Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This ordinance amends references in Titles 24, 25, and 26 to the current editions of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code, International Residential Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, the Oregon Plumbing Specialty code the Oregon Electrical Specialty Code and the National Electrical Code.

The City of Portland, Bureau of Development Services serves as the local administrator for the State Building Codes. On September 1, 2017, the state of Oregon adopted the 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code, The Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code, and the Oregon Electrical Specialty Code (OESC). 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.

### 100% Renewable Goal:

This ordinance has no impact on the City's renewable energy use.

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

#### Does this action change appropriations?

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

**NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



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**From:** Rebecca Esau, Director *RE*  
Bureau of Development Services

**Regarding: Proposed amendments to Title 24 – Building Regulations, Title 25 – Plumbing Regulations and Title 26 – Electrical Regulations**

I. RECOMMENDATION

Adopt proposed amendments that update Titles 24, 25, and 26 to reference the State of Oregon building codes amended by the State of Oregon Building Codes Division on October 1, 2017; Titles 24 Building Regulations, 25 Plumbing Regulations, and 26 Electrical Regulation (Ordinance; amend Code Titles 24, 25, 26)

II. BACKGROUND

On October 1, 2017 the State of Oregon Building Codes Division enacted changes to three specialty codes, the Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC), the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code (OPSC) and the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC). These new codes are based upon current editions of the International Residential Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, and the National Electrical 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 provisions and has adopted the State Residential, Plumbing, and Electrical Specialty Codes by reference in Portland City Code Titles 24, 25, and 26.

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, 25, and 26 to reference the current versions of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code, the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code and the Oregon Electrical Specialty Code. The attached ordinance accomplishes the State requirements by adopting new versions of the Residential Specialty Code, Plumbing Specialty Code and Electrical Specialty Code.