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## MEMORANDUM

September 29, 2010

To: Mayor Adams  
Commissioner Fish  
Commissioner Fritz  
Commissioner Leonard  
Commissioner Saltzman

From: Paul L. Scarlett, Director *PLS*  
Bureau of Development Services

Regarding: Proposed Code Revisions to adopt new State Code provisions.

On July 1, 2010, new versions of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code and Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code became effective throughout the State. The new codes are based on the 2009 editions of the International Codes.

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 various State codes by reference in Portland City Code Titles 24 and 27.

In order 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 Oregon Structural Specialty Code and the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code.