



**CITY OF CONCORD**  
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**Community Development Department**

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**FROM:** David V. Hall, Code Administrator  
**DATE:** November 4, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Updating of the City's Building Code

**Recommendation:**

Accept this report recommending that the City Council amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Building Regulations.

**Background:**

The current Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Building Regulations is no longer consistent with the State of New Hampshire Building and Fire Codes. During the last legislative session, the State updated the building codes to the 2018 ICC (International Code Council) versions, with amendments, and fire codes to the 2018 NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) versions, with amendments. The existing City ordinance references the 2009 editions of the codes which creates inconsistencies that can lead to confusion in the regulation and enforcement of the building and fire regulations. Also, some City building and fire regulations date back as far as the 1970s before there was a Statewide building or fire code.

**Summary:**

The Code staff has performed an extensive review of Chapter 26. The main areas updated are:

- In general, remove specific building, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire code references that are already covered by the State building and fire codes.
- Update references to the State RSAs and Administrative Rules.
- Update procedural regulations pertaining to appeals and violations.
- Rewrite the Certificate of Occupancy section to reflect current processes.
- Update the Modular Building section.
- Update the Manufactured Housing section, and Mobile Home Parks sections.

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