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SUBJECT: Regional Building Code

Summary

Beginning in 2015, the City of Rochelle, along with 30 other surrounding communities including the Counties of Ogle, Lee, Jo Daviess, Winnebago, DeKalb and Boone in conjunction with the City of Rockford created 5 committees to review and implement a Regional Building Code for the surrounding Counties in Northern Illinois. As part of the process, Code Officials from the surrounding communities reviewed past adopted Building Codes and amendments with a goal of creating a Unified Regional Building Code with Building Codes and Amendments that are consistent throughout Northwest Illinois.

By the end of 2015, the Northwest Illinois Regional Building Code was finalized and has since been adopted by multiple communities which include; the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Loves Park, Ashton, Hillcrest, Oregon, Freeport, Galena, Rock Falls, Dixon and Belvidere. Several other communities will follow.

The proposed Building Codes to be adopted are as follows:

- 2015 Residential Building Code
- 2105 International Building Code
- 2015 International Existing Building Code
- 2015 International Fire Code
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2015 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2015 International Property Maintenance Code
- 2015 International Wildland Urban interface Code
- 2014 National Electric Code

RECOMMENDATION

Staff feels that adopting a Building Code which is consistent with surrounding communities will allow the City of Rochelle to remain a progressive community when it comes to development and quality of life. Also, having the opportunity for a Northwestern Regional Building Code will allow Rochelle and the surrounding communities to stay consistent with development in this area.