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Date: July 15, 2021
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Paul Esparza, Building Official
Subject: 2015 ICC Building Codes Update

The Building Code Advisory and Appeals Board (BCAAB) met in April and May 2021 to discuss adopting the 2015 Editions of the International Building Code and related codes. Board members reviewed the major changes and made recommendations on local code amendments to staff. BCAAB made a recommendation for adoption of the 2015 IBC and related codes to the BOS at their May 19, 2021 meeting. The Building Official has reviewed the code changes and amendments with internal building staff and other jurisdiction staff.

Local building contractors have requested the county adopt the 2015 building codes for consistency with other incorporated jurisdictions in the county such as Sierra Vista and Benson who have adopted the 2015 codes. Changes in technology innovation and improved ways to increase safety and efficiency are additional reasons to adopt a newer code edition.

Staff recommend adopting the following building code editions:

2015 Editions:

- International Building Code
- International Residential Code
- International Existing Building Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Plumbing Code
- International Fuel Gas Code
- International Fire Code
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

2014 Edition:

- NFPA 70 National Electrical Code

2018 Edition:

- IRC Appendix Q Tiny Houses

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