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AGENDA

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

JANUARY 19, 2017

ORDINANCES

Second Readings

7. Local Amendments to the International Building Code 2012 Edition. Recommend approval to amend the International Building Code (IBC) 2012 Edition, Section 1612.4 to add new sections from IBC 2015 Edition referenced standard ASCE 24-14, Section 6.2.

A development project with unique design characteristics was submitted to the City of Savannah in 2016 which, while complying with City standards, was found to be in conflict with several IBC sections. The City of Savannah uses the 2012 edition of the International Building Code, as required by the State of Georgia and adopted by City Council. The State's next scheduled mandatory adoption will be in 2020. However, while working on solutions with the developer staff found the 2015 Edition of the IBC includes language that updates requirements that provide more flexible egress options from flooded buildings, and address common construction materials that can be used below the base flood elevation on commercial projects in dry flood-proofed areas. These updates would allow the development to proceed.

O.C.G.A. 8-2-25 allows a local jurisdiction to amend the State minimum standard codes when the current codes do not meet its needs, so long as the amendments are not less stringent than the State requirements.

Recommend amending IBC 2012 Edition, Section 1612.4 by adding referenced standard ASCE 24-14, Section 6.2 from IBC 2015 Edition.

Recommend approval.