COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CITY OF DES MOINES CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	Number:	**26-244**	Meeting:	**July 13, 2026**
	Agenda Item:	**41**	Roll Call:	**26-0851**
	Submitted by:	**Cody Christensen, Development Services Director**		

AGENDA HEADING:

First consideration to amend Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code – Buildings and Building Regulations

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of this action amends Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code with following actions:

- Requires a re-roofing permit for both commercial and residential structures beginning on January 1, 2027.
- Modifies the electrical code to comply with recent legislative changes to the State Electrical Code.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Estimated at $150,000

Funding Source: Permit fees from re-roofing projects for residential and commercial structures.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The second and third reading is requested to be waived due to the editorial nature of these code changes.
- The City of Des Moines Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals has reviewed and recommends adoption of these changes to Chapter 26.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 8, 2025

Roll Call Number: 25-1634, 25-1635, 26-1636

Action: On adoption by reference of the 2024 editions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code and the International Existing Building Code. (Council Communication No. 25-441) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.

A. First consideration of ordinance above. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.
B. Final consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by Cody Christensen, Development Services Director), requires six votes. Moved by Gatto that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #16,520. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

Date: June 11, 2026

Action: These changes to the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines were recommended by the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- New editions of the construction codes are published every three (3) years. Keeping current editions of the codes adopted allows City regulations to keep up with the latest construction methods and technologies.

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