City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal From: Susan Emery

Dept.: City Manager Dept.: Community Development

Subject: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF Date: November 27, 2007

THE 2007 CALIFORNIA CODES AND CERTAIN UNIFORM CODES

OBJECTIVE

To introduce an Ordinance adopting the 2007 Edition of the California Codes and certain Uniform Codes, and adoption of a Resolution which establishes the findings and determinations supporting the modifications.

BACKGROUND

The amended versions of the model codes adopted by the State are included in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations and become the State Building Regulations. Municipalities adopt the State code, with proposed modifications, within 180 days of State publication. If not adopted, the State code becomes mandatory at the local level. Local amendments to the State code must be found to be reasonably necessary due to climatic, geologic, or topographic conditions and such findings shall be filed with the California Building Standards Commission.

DISCUSSION

The majority of changes proposed in the resolution are administrative in nature. Most proposed changes are carried over from similar provisions adopted with earlier codes. The most significant changes within this ordinance can be summarized as follows:

- Editorial changes needed to coordinate the Uniform codes already in use with the new California codes that are based upon the model "International" family of codes published by the International Code Council.
- Inclusion of a requirement to provide emergency communication equipment within non-combustible high-rise buildings or parking structures when it is shown by test that the Fire Department's portable communication is ineffective.
- A modification to require one standard gurney size elevator in high-rise construction, regardless of the type of elevator door provided.

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- Substantive changes to local pool and spa enclosure requirements to coordinate with Health and Safety Code §115920-115929.
- Elimination of minor or outdated local amendments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

The building inspection service assures public safety by providing a means to ensure that all construction meets State and local codes and is safe to occupy. One of our community goals is to "improve aesthetics and eliminate blighting influences."

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- Hold the public hearing on the attached Ordinance which adopts the California Building Standards Code, 2007 edition and certain Uniform Codes;
- Conduct the first reading and introduce the attached Ordinance; and
- Adopt the attached Resolution relating to findings and determinations supporting the code modifications.

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Attachment 1: Ordinance

Attachment 2: Resolution of Findings

Attachment 3: Resolution of Findings Table