



City of Belton

Planning Department

WHY ADOPT UPDATED CODES?

The City of Belton is considering updating a series of Building Codes that are used in the City. In 2017, the City received an Insurance Service Organization (ISO) Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) evaluation. We were advised our 2009 Building Codes and 2011 Electrical Code are in need of updating to current 2015 International Building and 2014 National Electrical Code in order to preserve the City's ISO Rating of Class 5 for 1 and 2 Family Residential Properties and Class 4 for Commercial and Industrial properties. The ISO Rating contributes to a community's insurance pricing, with the lower number the better. Without adoption of the updated codes, we are subject to a downgrade to a Class 9 rating, which could be reflected in future rates.

In response to the evaluation last year, we worked with the BCEGS Agency in an effort to maintain our current ISO ratings. We agreed to present the latest updated codes for Council adoption by June 2018. These Codes are already in place in area cities of Killeen, Harker Heights, Morgan's Point, and Georgetown, but not in Temple or Salado, as we understand it.

Codes proposed for adoption are listed below:

- 2014 National Electrical Code
- 2015 International Building Code
- 2015 International Existing Building Code
- 2015 International Residential Code
- 2015 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2015 International Plumbing Code
- 2015 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2015 International Property Maintenance Code – new
- 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code – pulled from IBC and IRC