

Memorandum



DATE: November 7, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates,
Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: **Revisions to the 2014 Dallas Fire Code**

On Monday, November 10, 2014, you will be briefed on the Revisions to the 2014 Dallas Fire Code. The materials are attached for your review.



Eric D. Campbell
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Attachment

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Warren M.S. Ernst, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
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On September 10, 2014 the Dallas City Council approved an ordinance (#29437) to adopt the 2012 International Fire Code with local amendments. Although the draft ordinance passed through several internal and external controls, a significant issue has been identified and needs to be corrected. The adjustment involves the realignment of the 2014 Dallas Fire Code (DFC) with the policies and procedures currently in place with Building Inspections. Without the correction to Section 105.6.16, permits and plan reviews would not be required ***"To install, construct, or alter tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries, and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed, or used."*** Further, not only would the revenue from this process be lost, enforcement of rules and regulations at all levels would be severely compromised.

In addition, since the adoption of the 2014 DFC, several typographical errors and inappropriate references have been discovered. One such reference issue was found in Section 303.2.1 which references Section 105.6 when in fact it should reference 105.8. The fee schedule in Section 105.8 sets the fee for the required permit, not Section 105.6. A typographical error was found in the title of Section 1101.5. The title as published, in part, reads ***"Installation acceptance resting of fire..."*** when it should read ***"Installation acceptance testing of fire..."***.

I sincerely apologize for the need to make such minor corrections to the approved ordinance; however, these corrections could have a significant impact throughout the City of Dallas. Please rest assured that we have corrected these oversights and will ensure this does not happen in the future.

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