

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: December 3, 2009

SUBJECT: 2006 International Energy Conservation Code Adoption

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development Department

PREPARED BY: Richard T. Parker, Community Development Director

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: a) Staff Brief and Summary, b) Resolution No. 1675 Declaring Public Document, and
c) Ordinance No. 738

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: In 2006, the International Code Council issued its most recent version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). This code sets forth requirements for improving energy efficiency in new construction and remodels of existing buildings for residential applications. The 2006 IECC is the benchmark for many other energy conservation recognition programs such as Home Performance with Energy Star. In adopting this benchmark code, the Town will be meeting the code compliance expectations of many energy efficiency grant programs. In fact, adoption of this code is specifically identified in several grant funding announcements. One such grant is the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program which the Town hopes to be successful in obtaining.

On August 12, 2009, the Building Board of Appeals reviewed a staff proposal to adopt the IECC and recommended adoption. Although the Board had earlier determined not to adopt the IECC when the Town last updated its building codes, Yavapai County and the City of Prescott have since adopted the IECC and the Town would be out-of-step if it did not do the same. In coordinating with these other entities, it has been agreed to minimize amendments to the IECC as we adopt it.

One of our proposed changes is to not make the adoption applicable to new construction until July 1, 2010. Our desire is to allow staff and the local building trade customer base time to become familiar with these modified standards prior to full implementation.

During the work-study session held on November 5, 2009, the Town Council reviewed and discussed the proposed IECC, and received positive input from a representative of the Yavapai County Contractor's Association. [Note: ARS §9-802 authorizes a two-step process for adopting technical codes to avoid the undue expense of publishing lengthy codes. A resolution is first approved declaring the new Code (as amended) to be a "public record". Then, the ordinance is approved which actually adopts the new record by "reference". The public may see the details of the published technical code by looking at the copy kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk,]

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Council may take steps to adopt the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code, table the item and direct Staff to make further modifications to the 2006 IECC prior to adoption, OR decline adoption.

ACTION OPTION: **A)** Motion to authorize the Mayor (or, in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to sign Resolution No. 1675 declaring the document entitled "The International Energy Conservation Code 2006 (IECC)" to be a public record, **OR** Motion not to approve Resolution No. 1675. **VOTE.**

B) Motion to read Ordinance No. 738 adopting by reference that certain document entitled “The International Energy Conservation Code 2006 (IECC)” by title only on two separate occasions, then to place the same on final passage, OR Motion not to approve Ordinance No. 738. VOTE.

[if the vote is in favor of reading Ordinance No. 738, the Mayor instructs the Town Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only for the first reading]

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends taking steps towards adoption of the 2006 IECC.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: Adoption of the 2006 IECC will entitle the Town to special consideration for grant applications submitted under the auspices of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program competitive round as well as other energy-related grant programs. This adoption should, over time, provide savings in energy costs for new residential construction that is expected to be greater than any up-front increase in construction costs.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____ Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____