

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

Date: June 24, 2010

SUBJECT: 2006 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) Implementation

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development Department

PREPARED BY: Woodrow Lewis, Building Official, for Richard T. Parker, Community Development Director

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

ATTACHMENTS: a) Resolution with attachment “A” (Alternative Materials – Method of Construction, Design or Insulating Systems Evaluation Sheet); and, b) Residential Energy Efficiency Certificate

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: Council approved Ordinance No. 738 on January 14, 2010, adopting the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), which becomes effective on July 1, 2010. With the growing local and national concern over the costs of energy usage, the loss of local natural energy resources and a national mandate to reduce the dependence on fossil fuels driving the cost of energy up, Town of Prescott Valley Staff proceeded with this Code adoption to “do its part” to reduce these reliance’s. This adoption provides for a minimum standard of efficiency to construction methods in each future developed property and building constructed. Application of the Code results in a reduction of energy used to heat and cool these new buildings and projects based on an overall efficiency standard being enforced.

That said, a major part of any new code adoption involves educating the general public and the local contractors. Due to the current economic climate and the timing of the 2006 IECC adoption, the general public has indicated resistance to the implementation of this new code locally and in other Quad-City jurisdictions. In order to introduce the new IECC code in a manner that not only implements the intent of the code and also softens the initial impact of it, the Building and Safety Division developed a check list (attachment “A”) that allows substitutions and encourages innovation in design of residential additions and remodeling projects. In order to introduce this new Code, procedure and the checklist, Staff would like to seek more participation from the community in the form of public discussion. The Building and Safety Division is also attempting to gain a consensus with neighboring jurisdictions in regard to their implementation and enforcement of the IECC. This process of community outreach and education was presented at Council Work-Study on June 3, 2010. Council is now asked to approve a resolution supporting that effort.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Town Council may approve this Resolution, table the item and direct Staff to make modifications, or decline approval.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to Authorize the Mayor (or in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to sign Resolution No. 1706 approving a Building-Safety checklist that allows substitutions and encourages innovation in design of residential additions and remodeling projects in conjunction with community outreach and education on implementation of the IECC, **OR** Motion not to approve Resolution No. 1706.
VOTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approving the Building-Safety checklist that allows substitutions and encourages innovation in design of residential additions and remodeling projects in conjunction with a community outreach and education program related to implementation of the IECC.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: Possible savings in energy cost for those constructing utilizing IECC standards.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____