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COUNCIL BILL 2021- 045

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1 DECLARING the intent of City Council to adopt either the 2018 or 2021
2 International Residential Building Code to become effective January
3 1, 2023, and establishing deadlines for City staff to meet with
4 stakeholders and present a report to City Council regarding
5 stakeholder input and staff recommendations; and repealing Section
6 3 of General Ordinance 6564.
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9 WHEREAS, City Council passed General Ordinance 6564 which adopted a
10 modified version of the 2018 International Residential Building Code and established
11 certain deadlines for City staff to seek stakeholder input and make recommendations
12 regarding minor deletions or amendments to the Code adopted; and
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14 WHEREAS, the City recently hired a new Director of Building Development
15 Services who will be critical in facilitating stakeholder input and staff recommendations;
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18 WHEREAS, the Springfield City Council Priorities calls for Building Development
19 Services' time to be focused on: stricter enforcement of nuisance violations, improving
20 the efficiency and value of the development process, and addressing chronic nuisance
21 properties in Springfield's neighborhoods; and
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23 WHEREAS, delaying consideration of the residential energy efficiency code
24 update by one year will allow the new director and Building Development Services staff
25 to apply a more focused attention this year on those key development, crime, and
26 neighborhood City Council priorities.
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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
29 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
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31 Section 1 – City Council hereby declares its intent to adopt either the 2018 or
32 2021 International Residential Building Code to become effective January 1, 2023. No

33 later than February 1, 2022, City staff shall meet with stakeholders to solicit input about
34 whether minor deletions, modifications, amendments, and/or additions to the 2018 or
35 2021 Code should be adopted at the time the Code is adopted. City staff shall present a
36 report on stakeholder input and staff's recommendations to City Council no later than
37 June 30, 2022.

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39 Section 2 – City Council hereby repeals Section 3 of General Ordinance 6564. All
40 other provisions of General Ordinance 6564 remain in effect.

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42 Section 3 – This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after
43 passage.

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45 Passed at meeting: _____
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48 Mayor

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50 Attest: _____, City Clerk

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52 Filed as Ordinance: _____

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55 Approved as to form: Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney

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58 Approved for Council action: Juan A. Page, City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2021-045

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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Law

PURPOSE: To declare the intent of City Council to adopt either the 2018 or 2021 International Residential Building Code to become effective January 1, 2023, and establishing deadlines for City staff to meet with stakeholders and present a report to City Council regarding stakeholder input and staff recommendations; and to repeal Section 3 of General Ordinance 6564.


BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On November 18, 2019, City Council passed General Ordinance 6564 which adopted the 2018 International Residential Building Code with certain deletions and amendments. Additionally, Section 3 of General Ordinance 6564 declared the intent of City Council to adopt either the 2018 or 2021 International Residential Building Code to become effective January 1, 2022, and established certain deadlines for staff to meet with stakeholders to solicit input about whether minor deletions, modifications, amendments, and/or additions should be made to the Code adopted and to present a report to City Council regarding stakeholder input and staff recommendations.

The City recently hired a new Director of Building Development Services (“BDS”) who will be critical in facilitating stakeholder input and staff recommendations. The Springfield City Council Priorities document addresses a variety of needs that involve BDS including: stricter enforcement of nuisance violations, improving the efficiency and value of the development process, and addressing chronic nuisance properties in Springfield’s neighborhoods. The review of residential energy efficiency code provisions will likely consume a significant amount of time. By delaying this review by one year, the new director and BDS staff can apply a more focused attention this year on those City Council Priority items that have plagued Springfield for some time.

This bill would set new deadlines related to the International Residential Building Code and repeal Section 3 of General Ordinance 6564, which established the existing deadlines. All other provisions in General Ordinance 6564 would remain in effect.

REMARKS: Councilman Ollis requested this Council Bill.

Submitted by:


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Approved by:


Jason Gage, City Manager