

CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: 7/19/2010
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2010-06 Amendments to the Fire Prevention Chapter of the Municipal Code related to Smoke Alarms and Smoke Detectors

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2010-06 Amendments to the Fire Prevention Chapter of the Municipal Code related to Smoke Alarms and Smoke Detectors.

BACKGROUND

Currently, California building code and fire codes require smoke alarms in new construction and renovated structures. In addition, it is the City's practice to confirm the installation and function of smoke alarms as a part of the issuance of building permits and associated inspections. Currently any alarm approved by the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is allowed.

DISCUSSION

The first reading of the Smoke Alarms and Smoke Detectors Ordinance was approved at the Council meeting of July 6, 2010.

As part of the implementation of the ordinance, staff will prepare documentation required by the California Building Standards Commission for local amendments to construction standards. The specific findings are attached.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

The protection of public safety and upgrade of existing buildings in a cost effective way is consistent with the City's green building practices.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed ordinance would modestly expand the scope of inspection responsibilities for the City Fire Marshal, and Community Development Department building inspector and permit technician.

Attachments

Proposed Ordinance 2010-06
Findings Relating to Local Fire and Building Code Modification