

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JULY 11, 2023 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Adoption of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, Volume I (Fire).</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Planning & Development Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
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SYNOPSIS	<p>An ordinance to adopt the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, Volume I (Fire). Currently the City is enforcing the 2012 Edition and the adoption of this Code would bring the City up-to-date with the most current Code. The State of Arkansas formally adopted this Code in 2022 with an effective date of January 1, 2023.</p>
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>None.</p>
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the ordinance.</p>
BACKGROUND	<p>There have been numerous hearings and research performed by the International Code Council, the general public and numerous professionals before Code adoption. On the State level, the Code has been adopted by the Arkansas Legislature after an extensive review process. At the City level it has been discussed with the local contracting trades and has been open to the public at the City Clerk's Office per Arkansas State Statute. In addition, notices were sent to various construction organizations.</p> <p>Adoption of this Code would protect the public health, safety and welfare and would bring the City up-to-date with the most current Code.</p>