

ORDINANCE NO. 20-1001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OREGON CITY ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO OREGON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE: CHAPTER 15.04 BUILDING CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City Building Division reviews and regulates construction in accordance with a program delegated from the State Building Codes Division; and

WHEREAS, the State Building Codes Division recently amended Chapter 1- Scope and Administration of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code to narrow the authority to regulate items that do not directly impact buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Structural Specialty Code amendments were effective January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to continue business practices and permitting process as they have been since the adoption of a statewide building code in 1974, local jurisdictions must adopt local codes; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 15.04 of the Oregon City Municipal Code implements state specialty codes with some exceptions; and

WHEREAS, staff worked with the Development Stakeholders Group to draft amendments which allow the City to continue to regulate select items; and

WHEREAS, continued regulation will allow continuous implementation of regulations previously included in the Oregon Structural Specialty Code resulting in greater public safety, continual practices and permitting, and consistency among jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City hereby amends the portions of the existing Oregon City Municipal Code Chapter 15.04; which are attached hereto as Exhibit 'A'.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Section 3. Emergency Clause and Effectiveness. The changes to the state specialty codes triggering these amendments took effect on January 1, 2020. Coordinated operation requires emergency implementation allowing this Ordinance to take effect immediately.

Read for the first and second time at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 15th day of January 2020.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 15th day of January 2020:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney

Exhibit:

A. Revised Chapter 15.04 of the Oregon City Municipal Code