

ORDINANCE NO. 1338

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION; ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE AND THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE BY REFERENCE; AMENDING GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 15.06.020 AND 15.10.040; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature adopted the state building code, to be effective in all counties and cities in Washington (RCW 19.27.031); and

WHEREAS, the state building code is comprised of a number of published codes, which are adopted by reference in the 2015 editions; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to adopt the 2015 editions locally, for enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor may adopt local amendments to the building code, consistent with chapter 19.27 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the local amendments contained herein are desirable to protect the public; Now, therefore:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Section 15.06.020 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is amended as follows:

**15.06.020 State building code adoption.**

The following codes, together with the specifically identified appendices and the amendments in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), First Edition (dated November 13, 2015) and as further amended in this title, are hereby adopted by reference:

A. The International Building Code, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., including Appendix J, and as amended pursuant to Chapter 51-50 WAC;

B. The International Residential Code, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., including Appendix Chapter G as amended pursuant to Chapter 51-51 WAC;

C. The International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., including Appendix A, as amended pursuant to Chapter 51-52 WAC;

D. The International Fuel Gas Code, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., as amended pursuant to Chapter 51-52 WAC;

E. The International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., including Appendix Chapters B, C, F, I and J, as amended pursuant to Chapter 51-54A WAC;

F. The Uniform Plumbing Code,, 2015 Edition, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, as amended pursuant to Chapter 51-56 WAC, including Appendix Chapters A, B, and I;

G. The International Existing Building Code, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., including Appendix Chapter A;

H. The Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, published by the International Conference of Building Officials;

I. The International Energy Conservation Code, Commercial, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, and as amended pursuant to Chapter 51-11C WAC;

J. The International Energy Conservation Code, Residential, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, and as amended pursuant to Chapter 51-11R WAC. (Ord. 1263 § 1, 2013; Ord. 1186 § 2, 2010; Ord. 1128 § 1, 2008; Ord. 1039 § 1, 2006; Ord. 983 § 2, 2005).

**Section 2.** Subsection R109.1.6, Energy efficiency inspection, of Section 15.10.040 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is amended as follows:

**15.10.040 Amendment to IRC Section R109.1.**

Section R109.1 of the IRC is amended as follows:

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R109.1.6 Energy efficiency inspection. Inspections shall be made to determine compliance with the International Energy Conservation Code, Residential, 2015 Edition (Chapter 51-11R WAC); and shall include, but not be limited to, inspections for: envelope insulation R and U values, fenestration U value, duct system R value, and HVAC and water-heating equipment efficiency.

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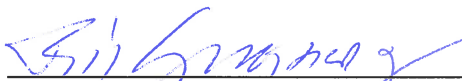
**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Copies of Codes Filed with City Clerk.** Pursuant to RCW 35A.12.140, copies of all of the codes adopted by reference in this Ordinance have been filed with the City Clerk for use and examination by the public prior to adoption.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force July 1, 2016, more than five days after publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

PASSED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor this 13th day of June, 2016.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

  
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JILL GUERNSEY, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

By:   
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MOLLY TOWSLEE, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

By:   
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ANGELA SUMMERFIELD

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