

# City of Seguin

Planning/Codes Department

## Memorandum

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**Date:** September 29, 2015  
**To:** Mayor Keil and the Seguin City Council  
**From:** Pamela Centeno  
Director of Planning/Codes  
**RE:** Adoption of the 2015 International Codes

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The City of Seguin is proposing to adopt the following 2015 International Codes: Building Code, Residential Code, Energy Conservation Code, Plumbing Code, Fuel Gas Code, Mechanical Code, Swimming Pool and Spa Code, and Property Maintenance Code.

The City of Seguin is currently operating under the 2009 International Codes with the exception of the Property Maintenance Code, which has not been adopted by the City in the past. The Contractors Advisory Board has met numerous times over the past year with the Building Official and the City Attorney to discuss the changes from the 2009 Codes to the 2015 Codes. The Board voted to recommend to Council that the 2015 Codes be adopted with the modifications proposed by staff.

To ensure proper notice of the Code changes, staff is proposing an effective date of January 1, 2016. In addition, to prepare for these changes, staff covered the 2015 Codes in the mandatory Contractor Continuing Education classes earlier this year. Staff also has copies of the significant changes available for the contractors at the Permits Counter.

Adoption of the 2015 codes is critical to ensure that the Insurance Standards Organization (ISO) rating for the City of Seguin is not negatively impacted due to outdated building codes. Failure to adopt the new codes will result in an increase in the ISO rating, which increases insurance costs countywide.

Attached please find a copy of the Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances, repealing the 2009 Codes and adopting the 2015 Codes with modifications.