

**Town of Lyons, Colorado  
Board of Trustees  
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet  
Agenda Item No: VII. 3.  
Meeting Date: 10/03/2022**

**TO:** Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Aaron Caplan, Planning, Building & Utilities Director  
**DATE:** September 18, 2022  
**ITEM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading— Ordinance 1133 --- An Ordinance of the Town of Lyons, Colorado Adopting the 2018 Suite of International Building Safety Codes

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ORDINANCE  
 MOTION / RESOLUTION  
 INFORMATION

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- I. **REQUEST OR ISSUE:** Adopt the 2018 suite of International Building Safety Codes (I-Codes) with the exception of the International Fire Code (IRC), and with certain modifications to these codes that are in the Town’s best interest.
- II. **RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP:** Approve Ordinance 1133 on the first reading and send it to a public hearing and second reading.
- III. **FISCAL IMPACTS:** There are no direct fiscal impacts on the town. However, there could be fiscal impacts on residents and builders.
- IV. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In 2018 the Town adopted the 2015 suite of international building safety codes via ordinance with the exception of the 2015 (IRC). The 2015 International Fire Code was later adopted after consultation with the Lyons Fire Protection District.

Charles Abbott and Associates (CAA), the Town’s contracted building inspectors, have recommended the Town adopt the 2018 suite of I-Codes to be consistent with neighboring communities and to bring our building code to more updated standards. The changes are identified within the ordinance.

The Town did consider recommending the adoption of the 2021 suite of I-Codes. These codes are a significant change from the 2015 codes and would be a significant jump in standards and cost to the builder. Louisville recently reversed its adoption of the 2021 I-Codes due to the cost and unfamiliarity with the standards following the Marshall Fire. Building code officials have not had as much time to become familiar with 2021 I-codes. We recommend taking the step from 2015 to 2018 now, and considering of adoption of 2021 in future years.

- V. **LEGAL ISSUES:** None known.
- VI. **CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** None known.

**VII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:**

- Approve Ordinance 1133 on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and send to a public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Request changes to the Ordinance and have it brought back for another 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Set a Future Date Certain for further review of the ordinance
- Decline Ordinance 1133

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**“I move to approve Ordinance 1133 upon 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Sending it to a Public Hearing and a Second Reading.”**