

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

**Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council**

**Regular meeting of
June 10, 2003**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA
BEACH SUPPORTING THE STATEWIDE ADOPTION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL CODES PUBLISHED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL CODES COUNCIL**

Recommendation:

That the City Council adopt the attached resolution supporting the statewide adoption of the International Codes published by the International Codes Council.

Background:

The California Building Standards Commission and many affected state agencies are currently in the process of reviewing the model codes that will serve as the basis for the 2004 triennial California Building Standards Code review process. These codes published by the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) have been successful in ensuring a high level of public health, safety and welfare in building construction for the citizens of California for over 70 years. State agencies are currently completing their reviews of these codes and are expected to make their recommendations to the Commission in June. The Commission could make a final decision by July. Adopting the ICC International Codes with nationwide usage is necessary to maintain a competitive economic environment for business and housing in the State of California and in the City of Hermosa Beach. The ICC International Codes are developed through an open, inclusive and balanced process that ensures the participation of all interested parties while maintaining the final determination of code provisions beyond the control of vested and proprietary interests and with Building and Fire Code Officials dedicated to the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 03-

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WHEREAS, the codes published by the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) have been successful in ensuring a high level of public health, safety and welfare in building construction for the citizens of California for over 70 years; and

WHEREAS, the three major model code organizations including ICBO joined to consolidate into the International Code Council (ICC) and produce the ICC International Codes as a single set of building and fire safety codes for nationwide and international use instead of three; and

WHEREAS, one or more of the ICC International Codes are used in 46 states, the District of Columbia, and by federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, adopting the ICC International Codes with nationwide usage is necessary to maintain a competitive economic environment for business and housing in the State of California and in the City of Hermosa Beach; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the ICC International Codes has been endorsed by leading building industry groups and professional organizations, including:

- National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)
- California Building Industry Association (CBIA)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- National Apartment Association
- National Multi-Housing Council
- International City Managers Association (ICMA)
- California Building Officials (CALBO)
- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

WHEREAS, the ICC International Codes are developed through an open, inclusive and balanced process that ensures the participation of all interested parties while maintaining the final determination of code provisions beyond the control of vested and proprietary interests and with Building and Fire Code Officials dedicated to the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare in our community; and

WHEREAS, the accessibility provisions in the ICC International Codes have been developed to comply with federal American with Disabilities Act and are approved as a safe harbor for complying with federal Fair Housing Act Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions such as the City of Hermosa Beach are responsible for enforcing building and fire codes for approximately 95% of the buildings in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions should have commensurate participation in the decision as to which codes for building and fire life safety are adopted in the State of California on behalf of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA,

1. To declare its support for adoption of the ICC International Codes for all building and fire safety codes by the California Building Standards Commission for use in the State of California and the City of Hermosa Beach; and
2. To direct the City Clerk to forward this resolution to Governor Gray Davis and the California Building Standards Commission; and
3. To direct the City Clerk to forward this resolution to the League of California Cities, California Building Officials, California Fire Chiefs Association, International Code Council, and other governmental and private organizations for the purpose of encouraging adoption of the ICC International Codes; and
4. To direct the City Manager and Chief Building Official to represent the citizens of Hermosa Beach in the pursuit, to the greatest extent possible, of the adoption of the ICC International Codes for use in the State of California and the City of Hermosa Beach.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2003

PRESIDENT of the City Council and MAYOR of the City
of Hermosa Beach, California

ATTEST:

_____, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____, CITY ATTORNEY