

BUILDING CODE REVIEW AND UPDATE

The Village of Forest Park is in the process of reviewing and possibly updating our current building code. This change is being considered as part of our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and affordable housing stock while ensuring construction standards are keeping up with the latest practices followed around the Country. These changes will also require the same high standards in our commercial districts.

Currently the Village operates under the 1996 BOCA (Building Officials and Code Administrators) series of building codes and we are in the process of modifying the 2009 International Code Council (ICC) series for adoption and use by the Village of Forest Park. The new ICC code provides a more comprehensive and coordinated set of construction codes, eliminates conflicts and works as a cohesive set of construction standards. The complete package of codes are as follows: 2009 International Building Code, International Mechanical Code 2009, International Fuel Gas Code 2009, International Residential Code 2009, International Property Maintenance Code 2009, Illinois Plumbing Code 2004, Illinois Accessibility Code, International Energy Conservation Code, National Electric Code 2005, International Existing Building Code 2009, and the International Fire Code 2009.

These codes have been reviewed by staff over the last several months and we have discussed changes that may be considered before final adoption by the council. Some changes are being considered to the 2009 ICC series because they may be too restrictive or possibly because they do not fit into our established community.

On Tuesday March 16, 2010 at 7:00 PM. in our Village Hall we will host an open house to better explain the impact of the new codes. In addition we will discuss changes proposed by staff and provide the thought process behind those recommendations. This will be your opportunity to hear about the proposed new codes and also to provide input on the proposed amendments. On the evening of the 16th you will have an opportunity to visit informally with staff and ask questions about how these changes may impact you. We will then have a Code Consultant give a more formal presentation with the ability for more Q&A at the end of the evening.

This is a big but necessary change for the Village of Forest Park and we would like your input. Please make time to attend this important event.