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### **City Council adopts new Building and Fire Code**

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – City Council recently adopted a new Building and Fire Code to insure the continued health and safety of residents.

This new Building and Fire Code includes the 2012 International Building, Fire, Residential (except chapter 11), Mechanical, Plumbing, Gas and Property Maintenance Code, 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, 2008 National Electrical Code, ICC A117.1-2009 Accessible and Usable Building and Facilities, and certain amendments to such codes and standards.

The vast majority of structures in Murfreesboro are not subject to review by the State Fire Marshal by virtue of the fact that the City adopts local building construction standards and employs municipal fire prevention and building officials to enforce those criterion. To maintain this exemption, however, the local adopted building construction standards and fire codes must be current within seven years of the date of the latest editions of the publications on which the standards and codes are based.

Most other major Middle Tennessee cities are adopting a similar Building and Fire Code.

Both Murfreesboro Building and Codes and Fire and Rescue Departments worked collaboratively in seeking input and engaging stakeholders with community meetings prior to the recommendation to City Council.

The new City of Murfreesboro Building and Fire Code Ordinance and Amendments can be viewed at [www.murfreesborotn.gov/codes](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/codes). The new Building and Fire Code can be viewed in the Building and Codes Department at City Hall located at 111. West Vine St.

The proposed implementation of this new Building and Fire Code is May 1, 2014.

Please call the Building and Codes Department at 615-893-3750 for more information.

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