City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: October 5, 2015

Item: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2015-364
Originating Department: BUILDING REGULATIONS

Attachments: Council Bill No. 2015-364

Building Regulations: Brian Wicklund
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City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm
Fire Chief: James Furgerson

Recommended Action: Approval of the adoption of the 2012 International Fire Code.

Summary: The City of Joplin updates our Building Codes approximately every six (6) years. Our last update of the fire code took place in 2008, at which time the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code was adopted. At this time we are proposing to adopt the 2012 edition of the International Fire Code.

By keeping our building codes current we receive a higher rating for that particular item from the I.S.O, as well as staying current with new life safety standards. Today we use and enforce modern Building Codes that address structural, fire, electrical, and mechanical safety as well as health and security issues. Our job is to make sure homes, schools, businesses, and other structures are safe places to live, work, and play. We provide inspection of construction projects at several stages to ensure that happens. This Council Bill adopts the following Code:

1. **2012 International Fire Code**, with coordination with the International Building Code, references national standards to comprehensively address fire safety in new and existing buildings.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of this Council Bill.