



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Building Appeals (BOBA) Members

FROM: Keith Steiskal, Director of Building

MEETING DATE: November 5, 2025

SUBJECT: **Text Amendments to Title 15, Chapter 150 (Building Code) of the Village of Lombard Ordinances**

As part of staff's regular review of pertinent codes used to regulate construction, staff is recommending updating the following International Codes from the 2018 versions to the 2024 versions:

- International Building Code
- International Residential Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Fuel Code
- International Property Maintenance Code
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
- Chapter 11 Storm Drainage of the 2024 International Plumbing Code

These International Codes are developed on a 3-year cycle, but the Village of Lombard has decided to adopt every other code cycle. The updates are recommended to stay current with the newest construction technology. The International Codes are designed to work as a series and be adopted to work together as each code book references the other code books for applicable sections.

It is important to stay current with codes as going more than 6 years with the same codes will reduce the Village's ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating. This can affect insurance rates for residents and businesses in Lombard. Lombard completed its ISO audit recently and was made aware Lombard would be reduced in its rating if newer building codes were not adopted as planned. The proposed adoptions would keep the Village's very favorable rating it currently holds.

As part of adoption of the 2024 International Codes, staff is recommending edits to related Village of Lombard ordinances to match updates in the code.

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In addition to the document provided showing the changes proposed in the ordinance, staff will be giving a brief verbal report on some of the changes in the 2024 codes vs the 2018 codes.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff is bringing the proposed code amendments to Chapter 150 of the Village Code for BOBA consideration and a recommendation of approval to the Village Board of Trustees.