

CITY OF CLARKSTON

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: F4

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Resolution

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of International Property Maintenance Code

DEPARTMENT: Planning &  
Development

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages: 3

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**PURPOSE:** To adopt the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

**NEED/ IMPACT:** Currently, the provisions governing the maintenance of private property throughout the City are contained within Article II, Chapter 5 of the Clarkston Code of Ordinances, which was last amended in March 2011. Considering the recent efforts of Staff to increase the level and frequency of property maintenance enforcement, it is desirable to adopt a set of standard provisions. Doing so would help simplify the administrative procedures of Code Enforcement Staff, as well as those of the Court Services division in the prosecution of cases involving property maintenance violations. The International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) provides the City with the standard language and guidelines needed to achieve these objectives.

The following is language from the Preface of the 2012 revision of the IPMC:

*Internationally, code officials recognize the need for a modern, up-to-date property maintenance code governing the maintenance of existing buildings. The International Property Maintenance Code®, in this 2012 edition, is designed to meet this need through model code regulations that contain clear and specific property maintenance requirements with required property improvement provisions.*

*This code is founded on principles intended to establish provisions consistent with the scope of a property maintenance code that adequately protects public health, safety and welfare; provisions that do not unnecessarily increase construction costs; provisions that do not restrict the use of new materials, products or methods of construction; and provisions that do not give preferential treatment to particular types or classes of materials, products or methods of construction.*

A draft of the proposed adopting ordinance is attached.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends adoption of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).