

HASTINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

A meeting of the Hastings Planning Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 4:00 PM in the City Building, 220 North Hastings Avenue.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion to adopt the current agenda for the Planning Commission Meeting
5. Public Notice - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday , May 6, 2022. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is located at the back of the Council Chambers. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers which is accessible to members of the public.
6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Meeting of April 19, 2022
7. Special Order of Business
 - a. Informative presentation on building safety and an explanation of future process changes to include Delegated Authority
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Continued Applications - None
 - b. Tabled Applications - None
 - c. Postponed Applications - None
9. Public Hearings.
10. Subdivisions
11. Reports
 - a. Committee Reports
 - b. Chairman Comments
 - c. Staff Reports

Adjourn

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Hastings Planning Commission was conducted in the City Building, 220 North Hastings Avenue, on April 19, 2022.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Regular Session by Chair Sinner with the following members present: Brian Hoffman, Jacque Cranson, Ann Hinton, LaDaun Schoenhals, Lou Kully, Greg Sinner, Michelle Lewis, Rakesh Srivastava, Shawn Rossi.

Absent: None

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Motion to adopt the current agenda for the Planning Commission Meeting

Moved by Jacque Cranson, seconded by Ann Hinton, to adopt the current agenda for the Planning Commission Meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brian Hoffman, Jacque Cranson, Ann Hinton, LaDaun Schoenhals, Lou Kully, Greg Sinner, Michelle Lewis, Rakesh Srivastava, Shawn Rossi.

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. Public Notice - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, April 8, 2022. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is located at the back of the Council Chambers. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers which is accessible to members of the public.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Meeting of March 15, 2022

Moved by Ann Hinton, seconded by LaDaun Schoenhals, to approve the March 15, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brian Hoffman, Jacque Cranson, Ann Hinton, LaDaun Schoenhals, Lou Kully, Greg Sinner, Michelle Lewis, Rakesh Srivastava, Shawn Rossi.

Nays: None

Absent: None

7. Special Order of Business

8. Unfinished Business

a. Continued Applications - None

b. Tabled Applications - None

c. Postponed Applications - None

9. Public Hearings.

- a. **2022-009.** Public hearing to recommend a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Storage Facility on a property generally located West of North Marian Road along West 2nd Street in the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 7 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.

Motion to recommend approval for a CUP resolution for a property generally located West of North Marian Road along West 2nd Street in the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 7 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.

Brian Hurskainen explained the agenda item.

This request was previously heard on 2/15/22; there was an error in the legal description, nothing about the proposal has changed.

The proposed development will integrate compatibility with existing land uses and with permitted uses that may be established within any area to be affected by the proposed development.

Surrounding zoning is as follows:

North – R-1, Urban Single Family Residential and A, Agricultural (Undeveloped)

South – I-1, Light Industrial (Undeveloped)

East – R-1, Urban Single Family Residential, Middle School

West – I-1, Light Industrial (Undeveloped)

1-The use does not have a permanent negative impact that is substantially greater than the impact anticipated from development permitted in the base zone district.

-Pedestrian and vehicular traffic circulation and safety.

This use is for the storage of larger vehicles like recreational vehicles, boats and trailers; with such a use, pedestrian traffic should be at a minimum. The site is designed to be very spread out to make it easy for larger vehicles to traverse the site. The entrance is 30' wide and the aisles range from 75' to 80' wide.

-Reasonable and economic extension of public utilities and facilities

As this is within City limits and already serviced by the City, there is no extension of service required. Utilities has reviewed and approved this site plan.

-No noise, fumes and/or environmental pollution are anticipated.

The self-service storage facility standards for conditional use found in Section 34-404 (9) do not allow for outdoor storage. However, outdoor storage for campers and RVs (recreation vehicles) is not specifically addressed in the Table of Uses and Districts. There are similar uses found in Section 34-404 (5) for storage of vehicles in an impound yard and 34-404 (6) for off-street parking spaces and structures. These sections do include some applicable standards, though there are many standards that are not applicable. As allowable under 34-104, the Director of Development Services has made a determination that these are comparable uses and provide standards towards this proposed supplementary use that are similar enough after consideration of the intensity and scale of the use relative to this site and that this site accommodates heavier, more industrial uses. Adding to this decision is the fact that there are no residential properties in the vicinity on which this use would have an adverse impact. The following are additional standards that were placed on this development as required by this hybrid of requirements:

1. The exterior storage of any items or objects will not be permitted to be stored in and around the premises with the exception of specifically approved autos, boats and campers in the defined area.
2. Items such as gasoline, fuel, paint, containers with any flammable liquid or items which can readily cause fire or flame will not be allowed to be stored on the premises or within the storage building.
3. No maintenance, dismantling, construction, reconstruction or repair of any vehicles, boats, RV's or appliances will be allowed within the storage units, or the exterior of the building grounds or in any part of this facility.
4. Landscaping shall be provided in the areas outside the fences between the fence and the property line per Section 34-305 of the Hastings City Code.
5. The storage facility shall be enclosed by a six-foot high, sight-proof fence whenever the site abuts residentially zoned or developed property. Said fence, when abutting any residential district, shall be solid or semi-solid and constructed to prevent the passage of debris or light, and constructed of either brick, stone, masonry units, wood or similar materials. Chain-link fence may be used so long as it has slats installed to prevent the passage of light through the unit. The side and rear of a building located upon the site may serve as fencing.
6. All exterior lighting shall be of cut-off type to prevent off-site glare.
7. Buildings shall be separated a minimum of 30 feet from one another within self-service storage facilities.
8. Commercial activity: It shall be unlawful for any owner, operator or lessee of any self-service storage facility or portion thereof to offer for sale, or to sell any item of personal property or to conduct any type of commercial activity of any kind whatsoever, other than leasing of the storage units, or to permit same to occur upon any area designated as a self-service storage facility. Violation of this section shall be subject to the provisions of Section 34-804 of the Hastings City Code. Any violation may be cause for revocation of the conditional use permit by the City Council.
9. Building setbacks shall be the same as in the C-3 District.
10. The site shall abut and have direct access to a city street.

2-The maintenance of logical and efficient development patterns and land use mixtures.

The addition of these storage uses to this area is logical due to its use in compatibility with the allowable use of storage in the I-1 District. This use is less intensive than some uses that are permitted within the district, such as general manufacturing. This is important with both the Hastings Middle School and the Head Start Child and

Family Development to the east. Storage typically does not add a significant amount of traffic to areas, which is important for this area with morning and afternoon pickup of children.

3-The conditions imposed are necessary to ensure the maintenance of property values and the safety, health, comfort, and repose of the residents.

The use of storage units should not evoke safety concerns and property values should remain the same. Providing these units will provide a service that is lacking in this area, particularly for parking of recreational vehicles. Adjacent property notice letters were sent out to all properties within 300 feet of this location and there has been no response.

4-That the use, subject to conditions, maintains compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and the purpose and intent of the zoning regulations.

The Future Land Use Plan for this property is suburban residential. Staff feels as though this designation is incorrect for this area and should be changed during the major update to the Zoning code in the coming months. There is a large depression in the ground which tends to hold water after rain, to the west and north of this property. There are also train tracks less than 900' to the south of the subject property. Both of these things would make suburban residential development difficult, evidenced by how the surrounding area has remained vacant.

Moved by Lou Kully, seconded by Jacque Cranson, to recommend approval to the Mayor and City Council a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Storage Facility on a property generally located West of North Marian Road along West 2nd Street in the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 7 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brian Hoffman, Jacque Cranson, Ann Hinton, LaDaun Schoenhals, Lou Kully, Greg Sinner, Michelle Lewis, Rakesh Srivastava, Shawn Rossi.

Nays: None

Absent: None

- b. **2022-025.** Public hearing to recommend a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an Entertainment Venue at 3030 South Marian Road in the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska

Motion to recommend approval for a CUP resolution for an Entertainment Venue at 3030 South Marian Road in the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska

Brian Hurskainen explained the agenda item.

The Barn Festival is a craft fair event that is held over 2 3-day weekends in May and September with around 6,000-8,000 people for each season. Additionally, they are looking to add a 10-day Christmas event in early December and there is expected to be a much smaller turnout, not requiring any changes in traffic along Marian Road. This event has been going on for the last 28 years and is under new ownership. The last amendment to the CUP was approved by Adams County revising their parking plan on 5/12/2003. The new owners are making changes to the traffic plan as well as adding the December dates.

Surrounding zoning is as follows:

North – A, Agricultural

South – A, Agricultural

East – A, Agricultural
West – A, Agricultural

1-The use does not have a permanent negative impact that is substantially greater than the impact anticipated from development permitted in the base zone district.

-Pedestrian and vehicular traffic circulation and safety.

The applicant is working with the County Roads Department to make sure that everyone will be safe and we have additional conditions to follow their parking plan as reviewed by us and the County personnel. The proposed plan is to switch Marian Rd to a one-way street going north for the 4 weekends of the year that it is in use. In addition, there will be a shuttle running from the Fairgrounds to the property to reduce the number of cars that need to be parked within the vicinity. They are finalizing the resolution for the plan and it will be heard at the April 19th Board meeting.

-Reasonable and economic extension of public utilities and facilities

This property is outside the City limits and is not serviced by Hastings Utilities.

-No noise, fumes and/or environmental pollution are anticipated.

Any noise generated by the events will be mitigated by a majority of the event being inside the facility at 3030 South Marian Rd. No fumes or environmental pollution are anticipated with this use.

2-The maintenance of logical and efficient development patterns and land use mixtures.

This area is difficult to have typical agricultural development with a railroad to the west and the floodplain surrounding the property (see attached map). This is an established use but it is under new ownership, so we are making sure everyone is on the same page on how the use should continue moving forward.

3-The conditions imposed are necessary to ensure the maintenance of property values and the safety, health, comfort, and repose of the residents.

All issues with safety and health should be addressed by parking and traffic plan with the County to ensure there no issues with emergency response. The use is also being limited to certain days and times of the year to lessen any impact on the surrounding property owners. The use has been going on for 28 years and most residents in the area are used to having these events.

4-That the use, subject to conditions, maintains compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and the purpose and intent of the zoning regulations.

The Future Land Use Plan for this property is Agriculture. The zoning is also Agriculture and an entertainment venue is a use allowed through a CUP.

Speakers: Kara Parde and Ross Parde. They bought the property in October and are continuing the festival as it has been done the past 28 years. Kara has been a part for more than 10 years and is familiar with the event. Kara and Ross worked with previous owners on the September event and that's how they came up with the one-way road suggestion. They will market the shuttle service which will follow the same route. They will have holding bins for people to keep their items to eliminate the need to go back and forth from cars. They bought a larger shuttle than they've had in the past. It has an aisle down the middle and room for their items. The focus of marketing is to use the shuttle. The customers are happy the event is continuing.

Speaker: Dawn Miller, Adams County Highway Superintendent. Traffic plan is part of county roads, so it needed to be heard at county board. The board acted today on a final resolution for permission to designate summer and fall events to allow the traffic plan.

Brian Hoffman: The event that is 10 days in December, what is the plan for that?

Kara Parde: We anticipate limited vendors and local customers. It would be the first 10 days of December. It is much different from big events where we have out of state visitors coming in.

Ann Hinton: On our agenda, it said public hearing to request for a venue at 3030 S Marian Road, the Public Notice said 3045 and the party said 3045. What is the address and does that make a difference?

Kara Parde: The property has three addresses and the event is at all three addresses: 3025 S Marian Road, 3030 S Marian Road, and 3045 S Marian Road.

Ann Hinton: Should that have been in the Public Notice?

Clint Schukei: 3045 and 3030 are in there. Most importantly, relative to the Public Notice is the legal description. The address is in there because when a legal description is presented in the Public Notice, who knows where that's at. The address really helps anybody that's interested in reading it to locate it, so it's fine.

Ann Hinton: Doesn't this include more than just lot one and two?

Brian Hurskainen: The full Public Notice does include the accurate legal description. We do not read the full public notice in the interest of time.

Clint Schukei: The important part is in the Legal Description: we have addresses that are in the vicinity. The key to the Conditional Use Permit, when we prepare the resolution, will be from the legal description.

Jacque Cranson: Kara and Ross came here from Lincoln. Everyone welcome them to Hastings, they're new residents.

Moved by LaDaun Schoenhals, seconded by Rakesh Srivastava, to recommend approval to the Mayor and City Council a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an Entertainment Venue at 3030 South Marian Road in the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brian Hoffman, Jacque Cranson, Ann Hinton, LaDaun Schoenhals, Lou Kully, Greg Sinner, Michelle Lewis, Rakesh Srivastava, Shawn Rossi.

Nays: None

Absent: None

- c. **2022-021.** Public hearing to consider a voluntary annexation to bring a tract of land into the corporate limits of the City of Hastings for Adams County for property generally located on the southeast corner of Baltimore Avenue and M Street

Approval of an ordinance for voluntary annexation to bring a tract of land into the

corporate limits of the City of Hastings, generally located on the southeast corner of Baltimore Avenue and M Street.

Brian Hurskainen explained the agenda item.

This annexation is being processed at the request of the Adams County Board and they have supplied us with a letter signed by the Chairman. This annexation is for the newly proposed Justice Center for Adams County which is currently underway. The parcel is just over 11 acres and contiguous to the corporate City Limits across M Street. The area is urban in character with the current zoning of the property to be annexed designated as I-2 Heavy Industrial. Much of this area between Baltimore and Burlington, and J Street to M Street is commercial and industrial in use, with some agricultural presence intermittently. Many commercial businesses, like Orscheln's, have settled in the north and several more industrial uses have been established to the east, like WR Reserve. Though the area is slated for rural residential in the Future Land Map, as we have previously discussed this area as a good candidate for reexamining in our Comprehensive Plan that will kick off in the very near future.

The only utilities required for this property that will need to be extended is water and there is a district being proposed. Additionally, M Street is not paved and there is a paving district proposed for this road. City Engineering will complete paving M Street after the heavy machinery and trucks for construction of the jail have completed the majority of their work. These two districts are being processed by our City Engineer, Lee Vrooman, and are not required to move forward with the approval of this voluntary annexation by the Planning Commission per our existing Annexation Policy.

Moved by Michelle Lewis, seconded by LaDaun Schoenhals, to recommend approval to the Mayor and City Council a voluntary annexation to bring a tract of land into the corporate limits of the City of Hastings for Adams County for property generally located on the southeast corner of Baltimore Avenue and M Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brian Hoffman, Jacque Cranson, Ann Hinton, LaDaun Schoenhals, Lou Kully, Greg Sinner, Michelle Lewis, Rakesh Srivastava, Shawn Rossi.

Nays: None

Absent: None

- d. **2022-003.** Public hearing for a change of zoning for property generally located at the end of West 16th Street, west of Westbrook Drive in the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, from "A, Agricultural" and "R-1, Urban Single Family Residential" to "A, Agricultural" and to amend the Official Zoning District Map.

Motion to recommend approval for an ordinance and the amendment to the Official Zoning District Map to rezone property generally located at the end of West 16th Street, west of Westbrook Drive in the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, from "A, Agricultural" and "R-1, Urban Single Family Residential" to "A, Agricultural"

Brian Hurskainen explained the agenda item.

Surrounding zoning is as follows:

North – A, Agricultural

South – R-1, Urban Single Family Residential

East – R-1, Urban Single Family Residential

West – R-1, Urban Single Family Residential & A, Agricultural

These pieces originally had been intended to be a part of Westbrook Subdivision but were sold to the current owner and their intention is to keep the acreage. Portions of the piece are R-1 and part of it is Agriculture; the intention now is to rezone it so it is all Agriculture. There is a significant floodway on the west side of the property that would make suburban development challenging and provides a natural barrier to the Country Estates Subdivision. In total, the piece is 67 acres and can give adequate buffer from surrounding properties. This parcel currently sits vacant and is farmed, but is planned to have a house and barn. As the new owners desire to have horses and a barn as well as a residence, agricultural zoning is best suited to allow for both uses. This land will also not be pulled into the City limits and will remain in the extra-territorial zoning since it will remain well over 10 acres and will no longer be subdivided into single-family residential lots.

The Future Land Use Map is supportive of this rezone with the designation of Agriculture. With this being on the fringes of the city limits and with most of the land around Westbrook being agriculture, the recommended zoning fits within the surrounding area.

Speaker: Tom Fish. This is our property. The majority of it is agriculture and where Alan Anderson had his development, we purchased that whole piece of property. We plan to have a few horses and in order to build a barn that is not in floodplain, we need it changed to agriculture. We plan to maintain it and keep it cleaned up. The house will be in back, and for logistical and cost purposes, the barn will be towards the south roughly 60 feet from the property line.

Speaker: Monica Nordby. Our back yard is against where the barn is. We have heard a different number of horses, we have pets and want to know if we need to put up a fence. We want to know if the trees will be cleaned up, we have dogs and heard several horses will be coming. We will probably have to install a fence. I'm not opposed, I just have questions.

Tom Fish: I have been asked to keep trees, I have also been asked to take down the trees, and it's specific to the lots we are abutting against. We will do what folks want. We will have fence around entire property. We will not have a whole herd. Right now we have three. They will be broke, domesticated horses.

Monica Nordby: What kind of fence will you have?

Tom Fish: It is a tight wire weave v-mesh horse fence. It will keep things in and out, can't be climbed, and won't let critters in and out. We have two dogs too. We are taking care of the fence payment. It will be a double fence.

Monica Nordby: Is fence squared or will it go around the entire property?

Tom Fish: The fence will be around entire property.

Monica Nordby: I'm worried about flies.

Tom Fish: All waste will be hauled weekly from barn and throughout the summer I will mow pasture to make sure to take care of flies.

Monica Nordby: Where are the barn doors?

Tom Fish: The doors are North and South, and have tight seal. In the summer the horses will be in when it's hot and out when it's cool. The stalls will be cleaned twice a day. I will haul it out myself or have a service weekly.

Greg Sinner: You can continue this conversation later. Do you have any questions for us?

Monica Nordby: We are annexed into Hastings, but he will not be. I am not opposed.

Speaker: Mike Biere. My property is on the west edge toward the north on Meander Circle near the floodplain area. I have a couple of questions for Mr. Fish but will talk after the meeting. I am not opposed, completely neutral.

Tom Fish: I'm happy to answer questions and work with people.

Lou Kully: This has been going on since October. It's been about five or six months. It shouldn't take this long. This is Hastings, if there's a problem, we bring it up and go with it. I'm not blaming staff but with all the building supplies on the ground, it's been long enough. I'd like to see this passed. Mr. Fish is willing to work with anyone and make sure it's a clean property, and I just thought I would bring that up.

Brian Hoffman: Brian, we rezoned this as agricultural, what's the property going to look like after Mr. Fish leaves, when it comes to zoning?

Brian Hurskainen: The livestock rule is 1 per acre, so 67 would be the max but would be difficult with floodplain, there are regulations. People would be allowed to farm it like they do to the North of this property and to the South of 12th Street, it would be like one of those lots. It would be similar to how those lots are being used and how this lot is currently being used, with the row crops, if he decides to sell it and move on.

Moved by Lou Kully, seconded by Shawn Rossi, to recommend approval to the Mayor and City Council a change of zoning for property generally located at the end of West 16th Street, west of Westbrook Drive in the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, from "A, Agricultural" and "R-1, Urban Single Family Residential" to "A, Agricultural" and to amend the Official Zoning District Map.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brian Hoffman, Jacque Cranson, Ann Hinton, LaDaun Schoenhals, Lou Kully, Greg Sinner, Michelle Lewis, Rakesh Srivastava, Shawn Rossi.

Nays: None

Absent: None

10. Subdivisions

- a. **2022-022.** Preliminary/Final Plat for Hastings Catholic School Subdivision, a replat of part of Blocks 3, 5, and 6 Johnson's Second Subdivision and vacated Kansas Avenue and 6th Street, City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.

Moved by Brian Hoffman, seconded by Michelle Lewis, to recommend approval to the Mayor and City Council a Preliminary/Final Plat for Hastings Catholic School Subdivision, a replat of part of Blocks 3,5, and 6 Johnson's Second Subdivision and Vacated Kansas Avenue and 6th Street, City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brian Hoffman, Jacque Cranson, Ann Hinton, LaDaun Schoenhals, Lou Kully, Greg Sinner, Michelle Lewis, Rakesh Srivastava, Shawn Rossi.
Nays: None
Absent: None

11. Reports

a. Commissioner Reports

Greg Sinner: Brian is going to talk to us about an educational opportunity, but first I want to commend all the commissioners. This is great to see all the chairs filled. I would encourage all those who can make it Friday. I do know Mr. Nabity out of Hall County, and he is worth the time. He is a very knowledgeable person and he presents in a way that everybody can understand.

Ladaun Schoenhals: I've been to several of Chad Nabity's classes, and also Keith Marvin, well worth it. They are both easy to understand and will both answer your questions. They are entertaining, laid back, it will be good.

Brian Hurskainen: On Friday Chad is coming from Grand Island to discuss the Planning Commission role. Keith Marvin is our consultant for the Comprehensive Plan and will be there to answer any questions, and meet commissioners. It would be great if you could make it there for part of it or all of it.

Greg Sinner: We are working on the bus tour with the Comprehensive Plan. We will get a few dates out, and hopefully Mr. Marvin will be joining us as well, and city officials can answer questions during the bus tour. I encourage the public to be involved in the Comprehensive Plan. It only comes around every 10 or 12 years, and over the past year there have been a lot of contentious items that have come to City Council because of zoning issues that I think might have been alleviated if we had different zoning options in place ahead of time.

b. Chairman Comments

c. Staff Reports

Adjourn

Moved by Lou Kully seconded by LaDaun Schoenhals to adjourn.

Chairman

Department: Development Services

Staff Contact: Anthony Murphy, Bill Mooney, Kevin Kubo, Lisa Parnell-Rowe

Planning Commission Meeting Date: 5/17/2022

File No: 2022-004

Prepared By: Clara McCully, Administrative Assistant

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Description of Item:

Informative presentation on building safety and an explanation of future process changes to include Delegated Authority

Names of People/Business affected by this action:

The residents of Hastings, visitors to the City of Hastings and City of Hastings staff.

Why Planning Commission action is required:

Type of action requested:

No Action Required

Suggested motion:

Deadlines associated with action:

Department head comments:

May has been designated as Building Safety month in a Proclamation that was signed on May 9, 2022 by Mayor Stutte. This year the City would like to actively promote and speak to the importance of building safety in light of many recent events in our community. Many structures within the City of Hastings are aging. There are over 1400 residential structures in poor condition according to the Housing Study. Its important for both residences and businesses to understand and be able to identify hazards before it creates a tragedy.

In keeping with department mission “to protect life, property, and environment through...inspection and education programs”, Hastings Fire & Rescue (HFR) desires a delegation of authority from the Nebraska State Fire Marshal’s Office. This delegation will allow HFR to provide a higher level of services by streamlining the development and fire code inspection processes in our community. Additionally, our core value of duty requires that we be proactive and responsive to the needs of contractors, license holders, and business owners in the community. Working closely with Development Services, we’ve already begun to modify workflows and our permitting process in efforts to be more of a one-stop-shop for contractors and developers with improved turnaround times. To enhance these efforts, we are proposing code change that will be brought before Planning Commission in the near future and then taken before the City Council for

approval. In general these code changes are:

- modifications to our municipal code that allow for increased transparency and safety
- fee schedule changes to more closely align with comparable cities and provide cost recovery for services
- increasing staffing for fire prevention to account for the increased workload that delegated authority and the associated responsibilities of inspection bring

Our presentation will provide you background on what delegated authority is; how it changes the permitting process; and what will need to occur to make it happen. We will also be providing this presentation to several other groups and also be holding a Town Hall Meeting that will be open to the public at the Library on May 24th at 5:30 PM.

Recommendation:

Not applicable



Health, Safety & Fire Building Safety month

Understanding the Importance of Regulation

Building Safety Month - May

PROCLAMATION **Building Safety Month — May 2022**

Whereas, our City is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

Whereas, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play, and;

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

Whereas, "Safety for All: Building Codes in Action," the theme for Building Safety Month 2022, encourages us all to raise awareness about planning for safe and sustainable construction; career opportunities in building safety; understanding disaster mitigation, energy conservation; and creating a safe and abundant water supply to all of our benefit, and;

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Corey Stutte, Mayor of the City of Hastings, Nebraska do hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 9th day of May the year of two thousand and twenty-two.



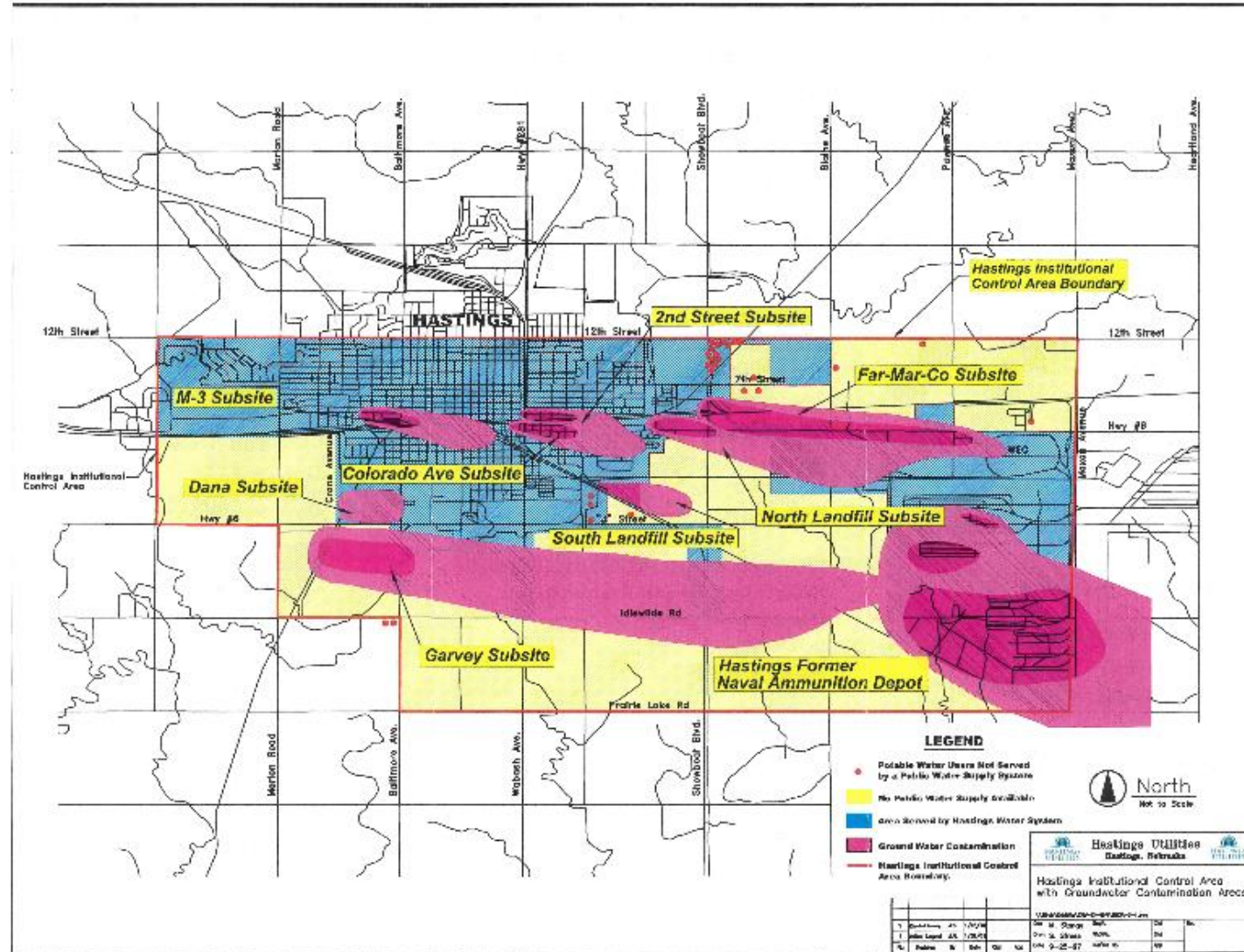
Corey Stutte, Mayor

Fire Safety

- ▶ Expectations of safety?
- ▶ National Standards for Inspection Intervals
 - ▶ High Hazard - Annually
 - ▶ Medium Hazard - Biennially
 - ▶ Low Hazard - Triennially
- ▶ Current Service Levels (Novak Study)
 - ▶ 3-5% annually
 - ▶ Youth firesetter intervention
 - ▶ Public education
 - ▶ Plan review
 - ▶ Fire investigations
 - ▶ Etc.
- ▶ \$1M in annual fire loss in Hastings

Fire Safety (Cont.)

► Why?



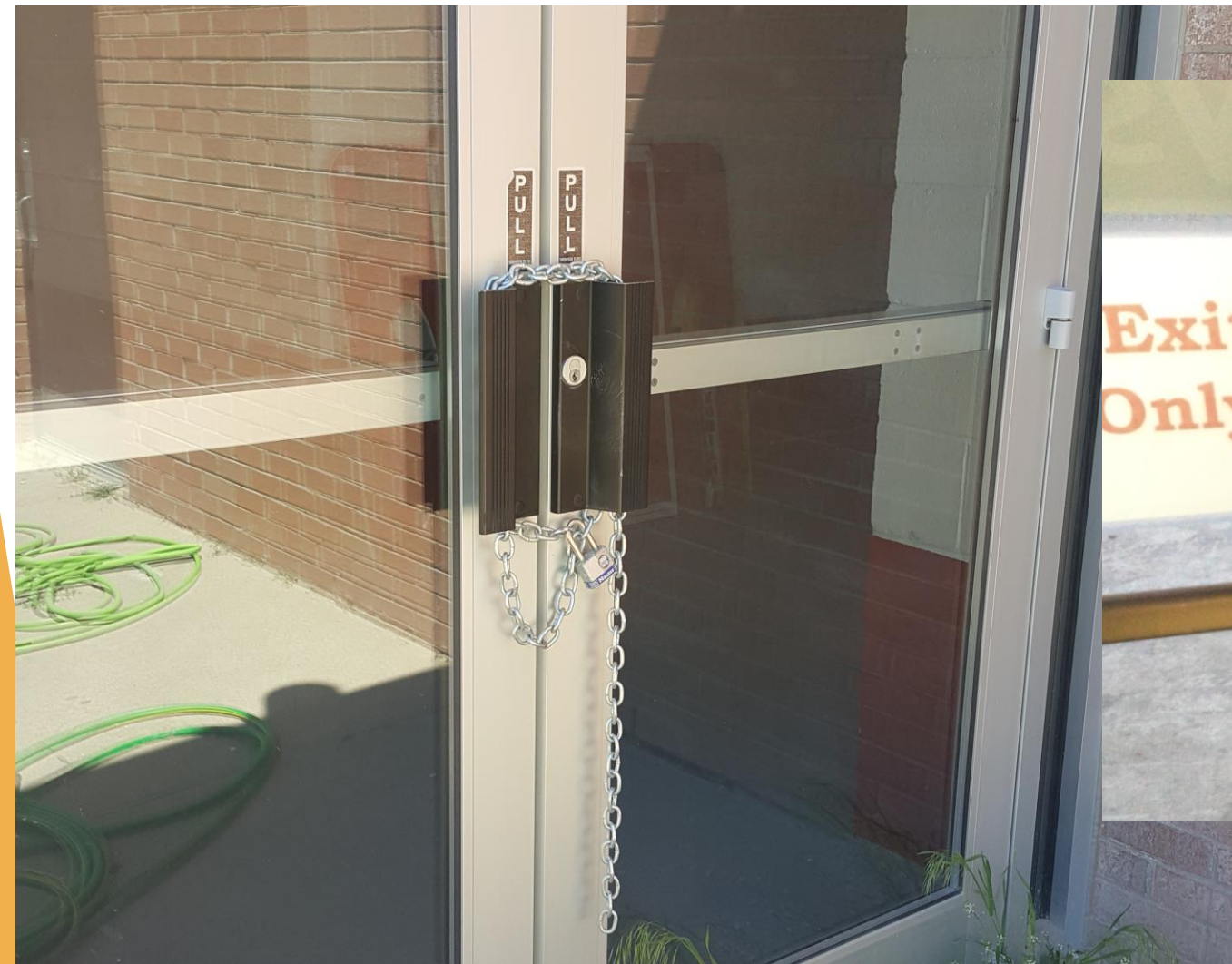
Fire Safety



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Electrical Section

Electrical Related Accidents in the Home

- ▶ Home electrical distribution and lighting systems are the fourth leading cause of home fires, after cooking equipment, heating equipment, and intentional fires.
- ▶ In the United States, 50,900 fires each year are attributed to electrical failure or malfunction, resulting in 490 deaths and 1,440 injuries. Arcing faults are a major cause of these fires.
- ▶ About 3,300 residential fires originate in extension cords each year, killing 50 people and injuring about 270 others.
- ▶ More than 30,000 non-fatal shock accidents occur each year.
- ▶ Each day, nearly 7 children are treated in hospital emergency rooms for electrical shock or burn injuries caused by tampering with a wall outlet.
 - ▶ Information taken from <http://www.esfi.org>

Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ Proper Grounding of the Electrical System.
- ▶ Open Connections.
- ▶ GFCI Protection.
- ▶ Electrical Panel Clearance.
- ▶ Location of Meter.
- ▶ General Safety of the Electrical System.

Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ Proper Grounding of the Electrical System.
 - ▶ Different ways to achieve proper grounding.
 - ▶ Copper Water Pipe.
 - ▶ UFER Ground.
 - ▶ Ground Rods.

Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ Proper Grounding of the Electrical System.



Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

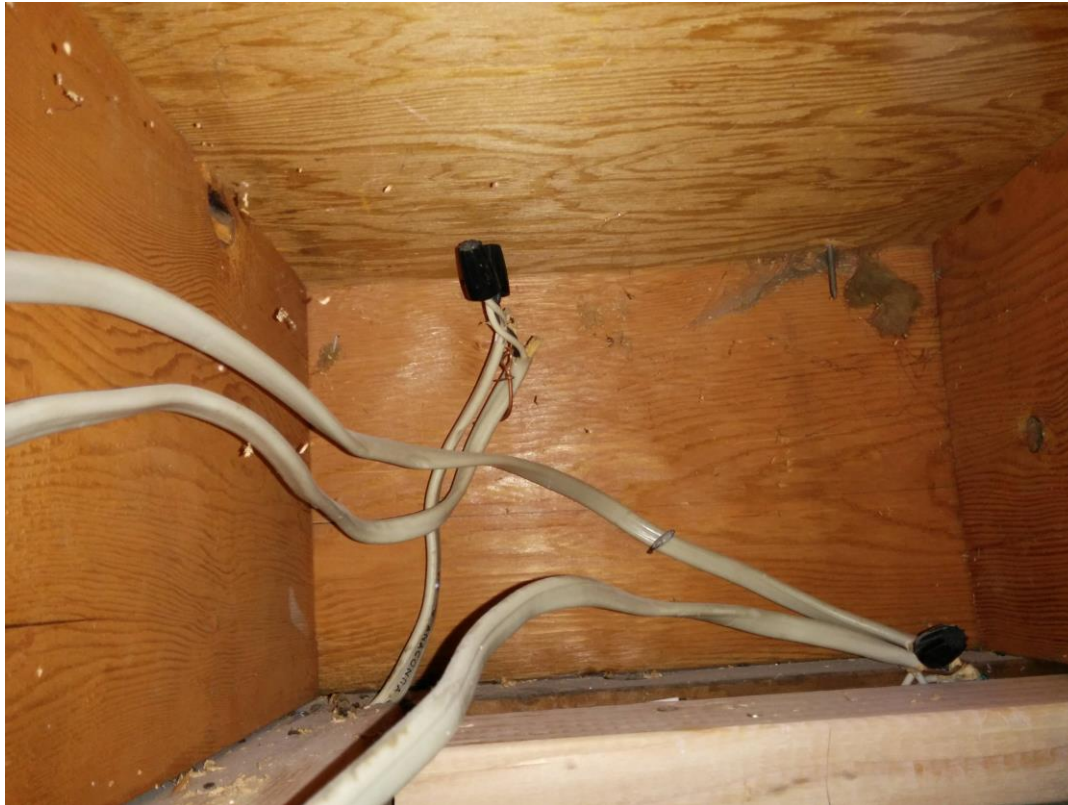
- ▶ Open Splices and Connections.



Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ Open Splices and Connections.



Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ GFCI Protection.

A GFCI monitors the amount of current flowing from hot to neutral. If there is any imbalance, it trips the circuit. It is able to sense a mismatch as small as 4 or 5 milliamps, and it can react as quickly as one-thirtieth of a second.

Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

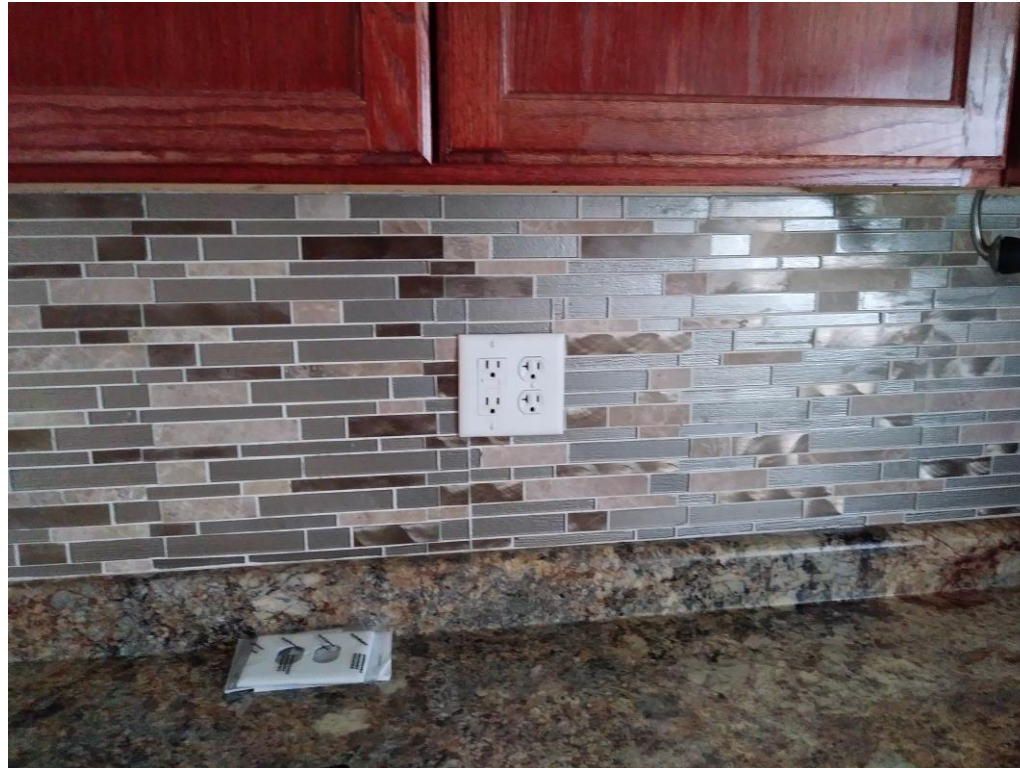
- ▶ GFCI Protection Locations.
 - ▶ Within 6' of any basin.



Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ GFCI Protection Locations.
 - ▶ All Receptacles in Commercial Kitchens.



Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ GFCI Protection Locations.
 - ▶ Outdoors.



Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ GFCI Protection Locations.
 - ▶ Garages, Receptacles must be at least 18" off of the floor.



Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ Proper Clearance for Electrical Panels.



Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ Proper Location of Electrical Meter.



Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ Proper Location of Electrical Meter.

Electrical Meter Fire

Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

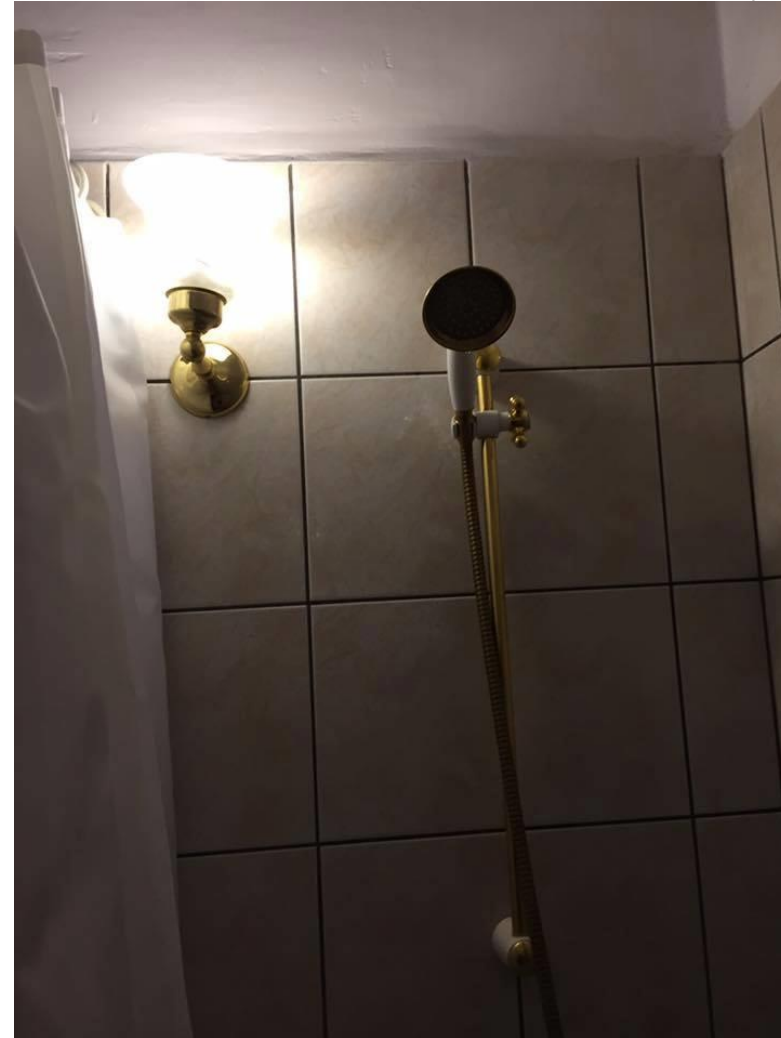
- ▶ Electrical Disaster Pictures.



Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Inspections

- ▶ Electrical Disaster Pictures.



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Electrical Section

Areas of Concern for Business Inspections

- ▶ All persons working on the Electrical, Mechanical Gas Fitting, and Plumbing systems at a business must be licensed and insured.
- ▶ The City of Hastings requires that all Electrical, Mechanical Gas Fitting, and Plumbing businesses provide proof of insurance and have a Master License with the City of Hastings.
- ▶ Permits must be pulled and the work must be inspected if any work is done to the Electrical, Mechanical Gas Fitting, and Plumbing systems, unless it is minor repair.

Electrical Section

- ▶ Open Question and Answer.
- ▶ Bill Mooney
- ▶ City of Hastings Electrical Inspector
- ▶ Office Phone: 402-461-2340
- ▶ Cell Phone: 402-469-7689
- ▶ Email: bmooney@cityofhastings.org

Change of Business Occupancy

[A] 101.2 Scope. The provisions of the this code shall apply to the *repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition* to and relocation of *existing buildings*.

[A] 101.3 Intent. The intent of this code is to provide flexibility to permit the use of alternative approaches to achieve compliance with minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by the *repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition* and relocation of *existing buildings*.

Change of Business Occupancy

[A] 101.4 Applicability. This code shall apply to the *repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition* and relocation of *existing buildings*, regardless of occupancy, subject to the criteria of Sections 101.4.1 and 101.4.2.

Any change of occupancy requires an inspection by the Development Services Team and the Local Fire Service.

Architect and Engineers Act Exemptions / Clarifications

10.3 Statutory Exemptions to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act

Notwithstanding other provisions of the E&A Act, persons who are not licensed architects or professional engineers may perform planning and design services in connection with any building, structure, or work as indicated below:

	OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION	MAXIMUM BUILDING AREA
10.3.1	A - Assembly	Less than 1,000 square feet
10.3.2	B - Business	Less than 3,000 square feet
10.3.3	E - Educational	Less than 1,000 square feet
10.3.4	F - Factory	Less than 5,000 square feet
10.3.5	H - Hazardous	
	H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4	Less than 2,000 square feet
	H-5.....	Less than 4,000 square feet
10.3.6	I - Institutional	
	I-1 Personal care	Less than 3,000 square feet
	I-2 Healthcare	Less than 5,000 square feet
	I-3 Detention	Less than 3,000 square feet
	I-4 Day care	Less than 2,000 square feet
10.3.7	M - Mercantile	Less than 3,000 square feet
10.3.8	R - Residential	
	R-1, R-2, R-4	Less than 4,000 square feet
	R-3 single family through four-plex	Less than 10,000 square feet
10.3.9	S - Storage	Less than 5,000 square feet
10.3.10	U - Utility	Less than 5,000 square feet
10.3.11	Any structure which contains two or more occupancies is governed by the most restrictive occupancy for the purpose of utilizing Rule 10.3.	

Change of Business Occupancy Example

ORIGINALLY A Business



Occupancy Classification B

CHANGE TO A Medical Practice

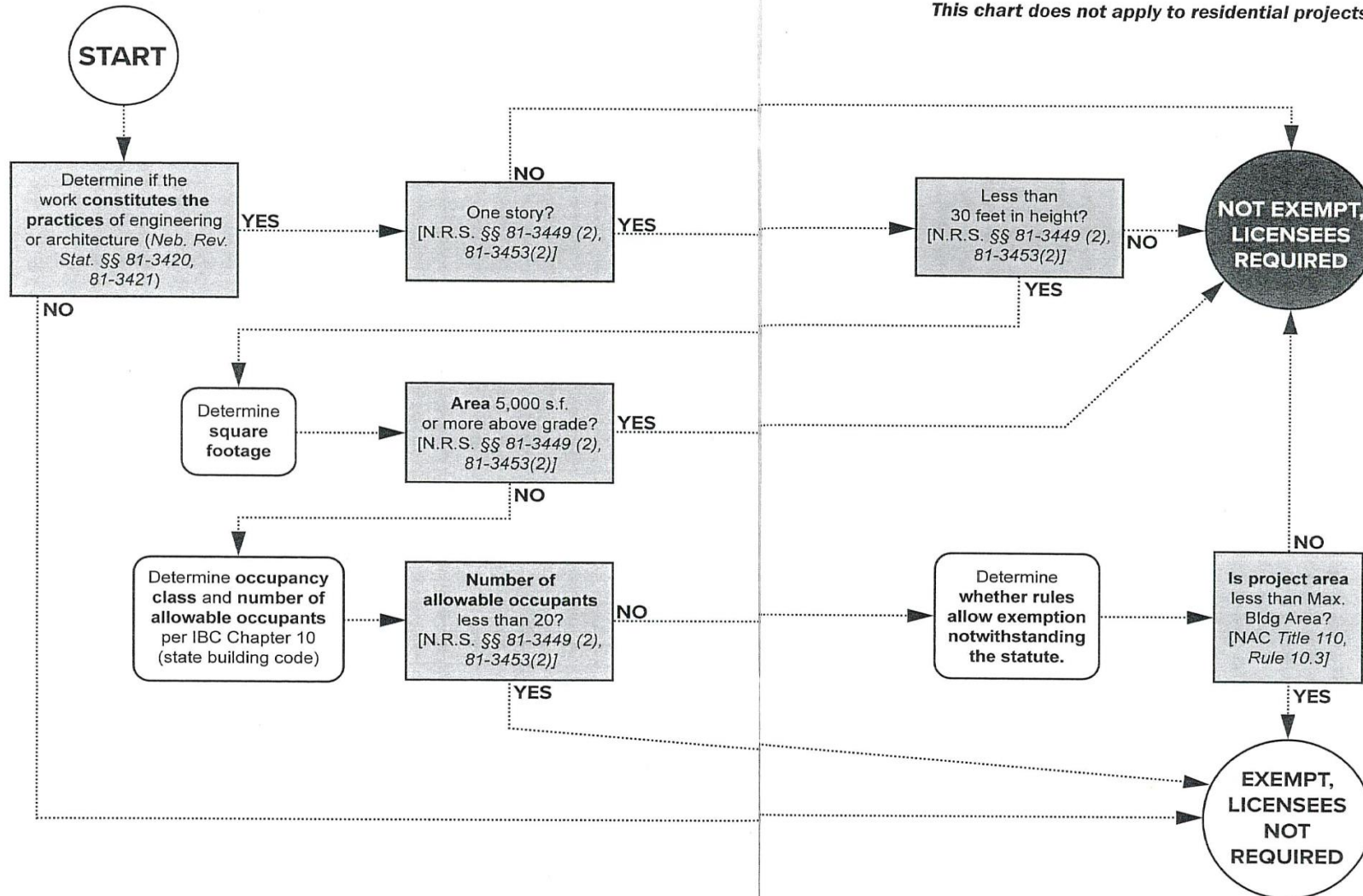


Occupancy Classification Medical
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Submission Process

This diagram is meant to help determine if a licensed architect or professional engineer is required on a **new construction** project per the E&A Regulation Act and Board Rules.

This chart does not apply to residential projects.



Mechanical Section

Improper Appliance Venting

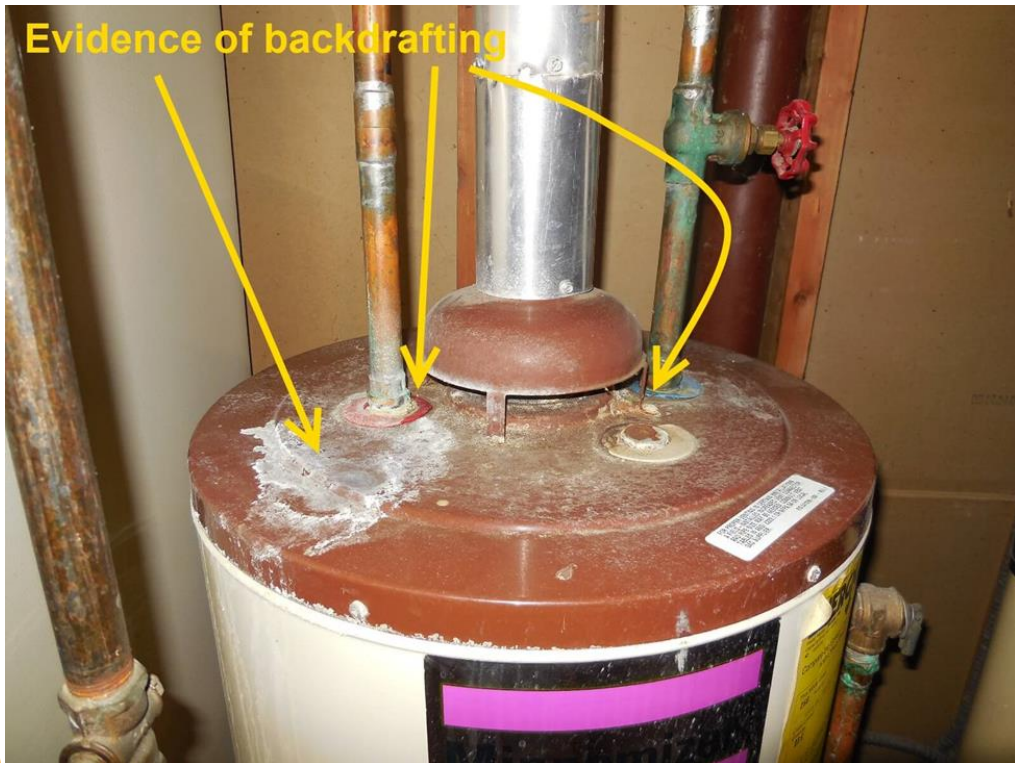
► Venting Disaster Pictures.



Mechanical Section

Improper Appliance Venting

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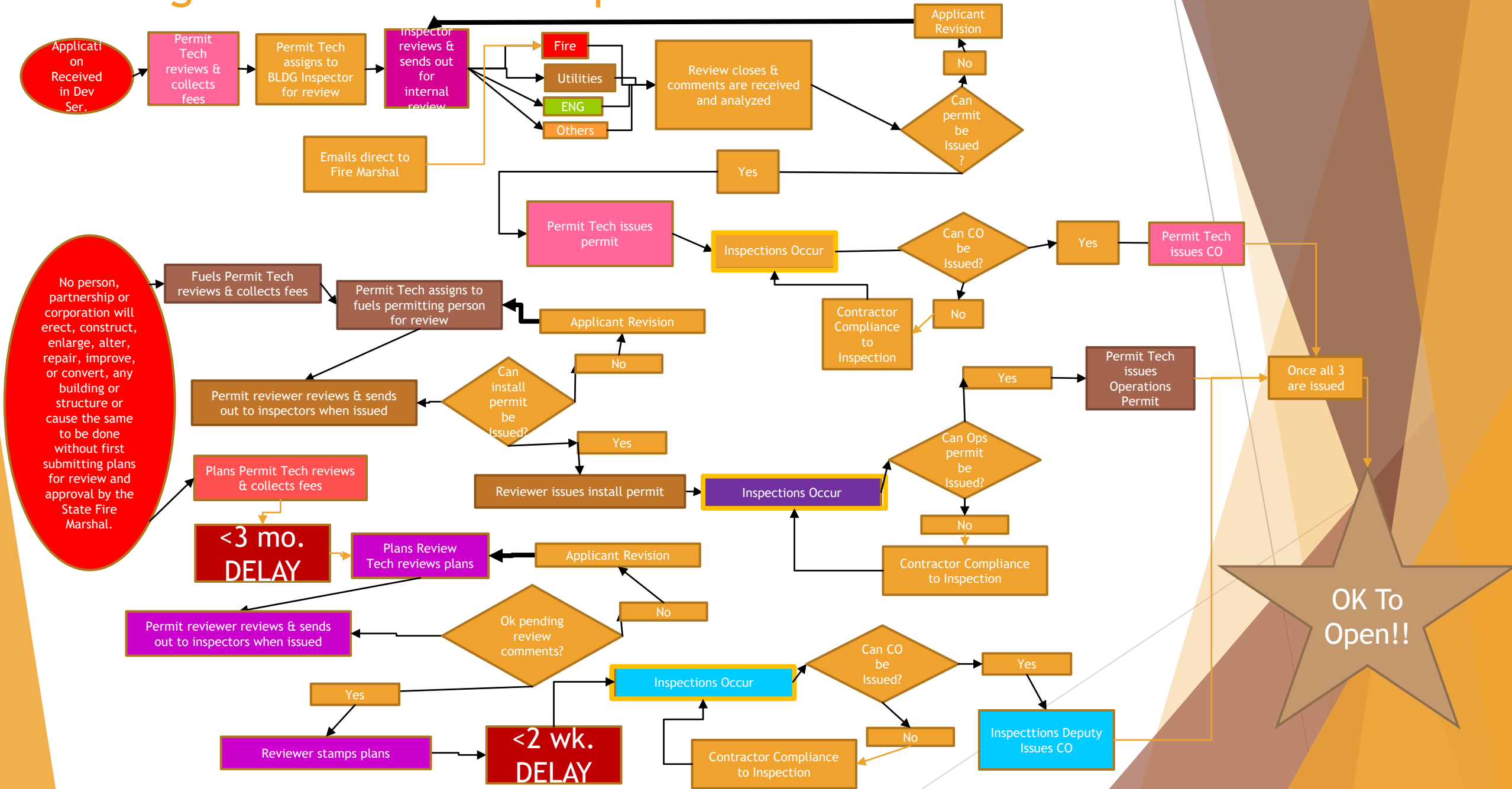
Reasons for Annual Inspections of Appliances or HVAC Equipment

- ▶ To insure proper venting of gas fired appliances, in order to protect the safety and welfare of the occupants.
- ▶ Issuance of permits and inspections help protect the business owners from improper installation and defective equipment.
- ▶ Helps protect the owner and occupants from possible legal action resulting from a failure event.

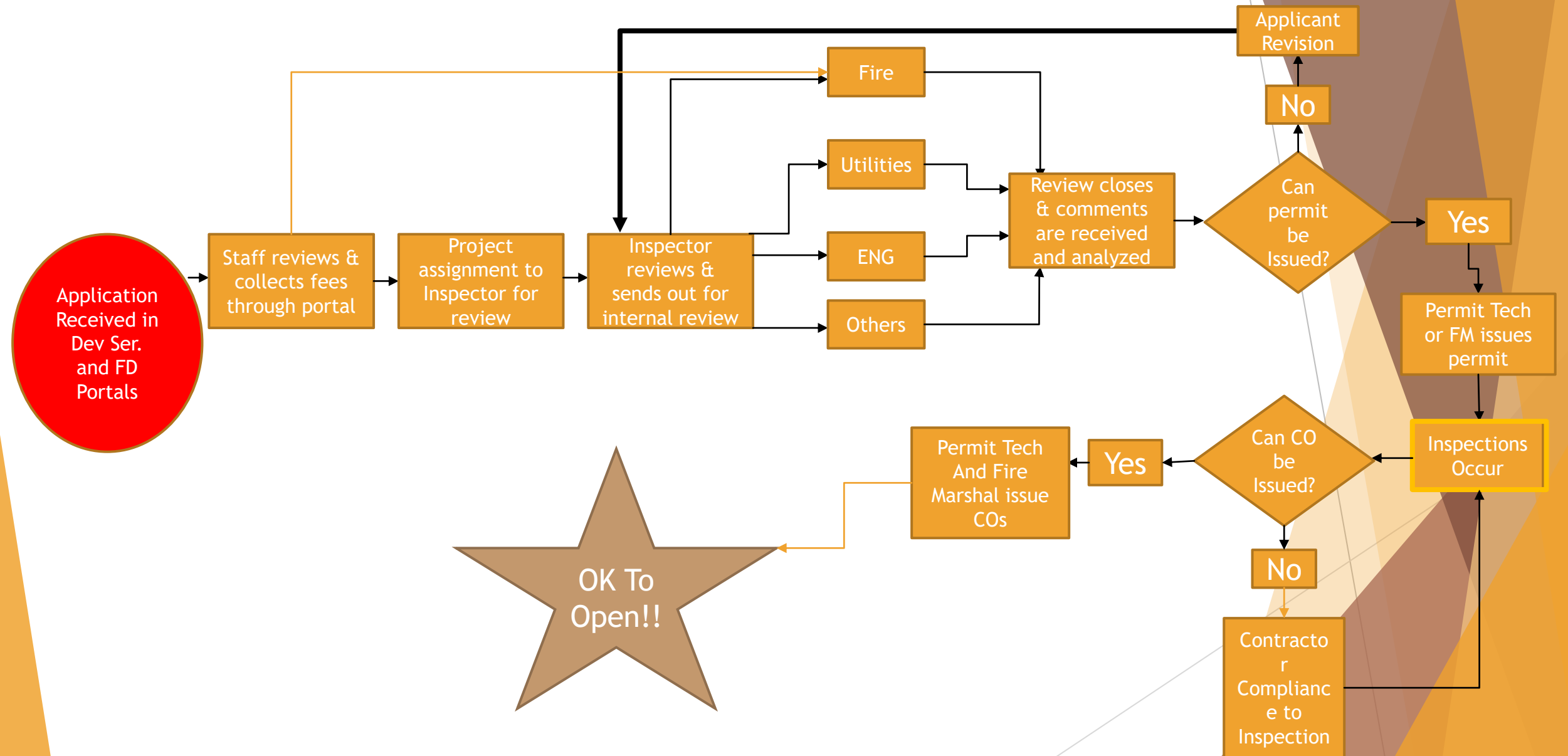
Mechanical Section

- ▶ Open Question and Answer.
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Building Permit Review/Inspection - Current Process



Upcoming Procedural Change - Delegated Authority



Chapter 13 Code Changes

- ▶ Fire Limits
- ▶ Cost recovery
 - ▶ Plan review fee
 - ▶ Operational permit fee
- ▶ False alarm reduction program (currently double the national average)
 - ▶ Based on Novak recommendations, using NFPA guidance documents
- ▶ More clearly defined appeals process
- ▶ Minor equipment changes for new fire alarm/sprinkler installations (Commercial)
- ▶ Private fire hydrant identification and maintenance guidance
- ▶ Clarification on intended testing procedure for new kitchen hood installations
- ▶ Making it illegal to use a Knox key without the Chief's consent
- ▶ Relaxing the propane restrictions for private use and eliminating perceived conflicts

Sec. 13-101. Adoption of International Fire Code.

Chapter 4 and § 603 and § 604 of the 2018 International Urban-Wildland Interface Code and the entire International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, including appendices B, C, D, I, and J, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., are hereby adopted as the Fire Code for the City of Hastings, Nebraska. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, fees, penalties, conditions, and terms of the Fire Code are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions, and changes, if any, prescribed in this ordinance. The Fire Code, printed in book or pamphlet form, is hereby incorporated by reference in addition to all amended editions as though printed in full herein insofar as such Code does not conflict with the Statutes of the State of Nebraska or other specific model codes previously adopted by the City of Hastings. One copy of the Fire Code is on file at the office of the City Clerk and is available for public inspection during normal business hours. The provisions of the Fire Code shall be controlling throughout the City of Hastings and the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction.

The geographic limits referenced in the following sections of the 2018 International Fire Code shall mean the Fire Limits as defined in 13-301:

5704.2.9.6.1

5706.2.4.4

5806.2

6104.2

The following sections of Chapter 4 of the 2018 International Urban-Wildland Interface Code are hereby amended as follows:

- (1) § 402.2.2(1) Is not adopted.
- (2) § 404.1 General. An approved water source shall have an adequate water supply for the use of the fire protection service to protect buildings and structures from exterior fire sources or to suppress structure fires within the urban-wildland interface area of the jurisdiction in accordance with this section.

The following sections of the International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, are hereby revised, amended or added:

- (1) §101.1 Insert: City of Hastings, Nebraska.

- (2) Section 102.7 shall read as follows:

The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those that are listed in Chapter 80, and such codes and standards shall be considered to be part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections 102.7.1 and 102.7.2. The referenced International Code Council (ICC), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and International Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Association (IKECA) codes and standards shall be adopted in their full text unless otherwise restricted or amended by this article or other city ordinance.

- (3) Section 103 title shall read as follows:

Section 103 Division of Fire Prevention.

- (4) [A] 103.1 shall read as follows:

[A] *103.1 General.* The Division of Fire Prevention is established within the jurisdiction under the direction of the Fire Code Official. The function of the division shall be the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the provisions of this Code.

- (5) Section 105.2.2 shall read as follows:

105.2.2 Inspection authorized. Before a new operational permit is approved, the fire code official is authorized to inspect the receptacles, vehicles, buildings, devices, premises, storage spaces or areas to be used to determine compliance with this code or any operational constraints required. The permit fee for any inspections requiring extensive assessment, research, or consultation by the Fire Code Official shall be accompanied by a special site assessment fee in accordance with the fee schedule as established by the applicable governing authority.

(6) Add section 105.2.5 to read as follows:

Where it is determined that the plans submitted are of such deficiency that a revision and re-submittal is required, said re-submittal shall be accompanied by the applicable re-submittal fee in accordance with the fee schedule as established by the applicable governing authority.

(7) Section 105.6.37 shall read as follows:

Places of assembly ~~or business~~. An operational permit is required to operate a ~~Group-A place of assembly~~, ~~Group-B business~~, ~~Group-E education~~, ~~Group-F factory/industrial~~, ~~Group-H high-hazard~~, ~~Group-I institutional~~, ~~Group-M mercantile~~, ~~Group-R residential (other than 1-or 2-family dwellings)~~, or ~~Group-S storage occupancy, as defined in Chapter 2.~~

(8) Add section 108.3.1 to read as follows:

Records of all system inspections, tests, and maintenance shall be submitted to the Division of Fire Prevention in a manner and format as prescribed by the Fire Code Official within fifteen (15) working days after the inspections, tests, and maintenance are completed. System impairments shall be reported to the Fire Code Official without delay.

(9) Add section 108.3.2 to read as follows:

Following written notice of nuisance fire alarms, fire alarm system owners must submit documentation to the Fire Code Official within 15 days as evidence the system has been examined by a qualified technician and efforts made to find and fix the probable cause of the nuisance alarm.

(10) Add Section 109.1 to read as follows:

The appeal shall be made in a writing which shall state the decision appealed and the alleged grounds of error, and shall be filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of the decision appealed

(11) § [A] 110.4 shall read as follows:

[A] 110.4 Violation Penalties. Persons who shall violate a provision of this Code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the Fire Code Official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this Code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense. In all cases of violation of each of the chapters, articles or sections of this Code or of any other ordinance of this City where a fine is imposed upon any persons found guilty of the violation thereof, such person so found guilty shall pay the costs of prosecution and, in default of payment thereof, shall be adjudged to stand committed to the county jail until such fine and costs are paid. Each judgment finding a person guilty under any chapter, article or section of this Code or of any ordinance of this City shall specify in terms that the person found guilty stand committed until such fine and costs are paid, secured or satisfied, or unless the prisoner is sooner discharged by the due process of law.

(12) § [A] 112.4 Shall read as follows:

Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation of unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and shall be a continuing violation.

(13) § 307.1 shall read as follows:

§ 307.1 General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with Sections 307.1.1 through 307.5, and in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stats. §§ 81-520.01 to 81-520.05.

(14) Add Section 307.1.2 to read as follows:

§ 307.1.2 Authorized times. Open burning may be granted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays, unless alternate dates and/or times are specifically authorized by the Fire Chief or his designee, and included within the permit.

(15) Add Section 307.2.2 to read as follows:

§ 307.2.2 Permit timeframes and fees. The permit may be granted for a single burning event or a series of burning events over a period of time not exceeding 30 days. The fee for such permit shall be in the amount established by the City Council's Fee Resolution.

(16) § 307.3 shall read as follows:

§ 307.3 Extinguishment authority. Where open burning, recreational fires, portable or permanent outdoor fireplaces, or cooking fires create or add to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning has not been obtained, the Fire Code Official is authorized to order extinguishment of the burning operation. Any person who refuses to comply with the order or requirement of the Fire Chief or any member of the Fire Department to extinguish a fire shall be guilty of an ordinance violation.

(17) § 307.4 shall read as follows:

§ 307.4 Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, shall not be less than 15 feet from any property line, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

(18) § 307.5 shall read as follows:

§ 307.5 Attendance. Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires, and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended by a competent person of legal age until the fire is extinguished. No fewer than one portable fire extinguisher complying with section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

(19) § 903.2.8 shall read as follows:

§ 903.2.8. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire area.

Exception 1: Group R-3 occupancies shall not be required to be provided with an automatic sprinkler system. Where installed, the design and installation of fire sprinkler systems in one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses shall comply with Section 903.3.

Exception 2: Care facilities located in a single family dwelling shall not be required to be provided with an automatic fire sprinkler system, where the number of persons receiving care is fewer than 13.

(20) Section 907.6.3.1 shall read as follows:

The initiating device status shall be annunciated at an approved on-site location. Sprinkler systems with more than one zone must have a fire alarm annunciator present in the vicinity of the main sprinkler riser zone valves in addition to any others required by code.

(21) Section 907.8.5.1 shall be added to read as follows:

Upon receipt of four (4) or more nuisance alarms in any six (6) month period, the owner of the fire alarm system shall be assessed fees for each nuisance alarm in accordance with the hourly rates of the responding apparatus and personnel per the fee schedule as established by the applicable governing authority. The fee for six (6) or more nuisance alarms shall be double the rate of the responding apparatus and personnel. These fee shall apply regardless of whether or not the response is cancelled by the owner or occupant. The Fire Code Official may order the system disconnected or deactivated and a fire watch initiated at the owner's expense due to repetitive alarms. The Fire Code Official may revoke the Certificate of Occupancy if requirements are not met and fees not paid.

(22) Section 907.8.5.2 shall be added to read as follows:

Failure of a qualified fire alarm service technician to notify the alarm monitoring company/agency of work being performed on the system and resulting in a fire department response shall constitute a false alarm. The company servicing the fire alarm system shall be assessed fees for each false alarm in accordance with the hourly rates of the responding apparatus and personnel per the fee schedule as established by the applicable governing authority. These fee shall apply regardless of whether or not the response is cancelled by the owner or occupant.

(23) Chapter 80 shall be amended as follows:

NFPA 1124 Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles **2006** edition.

Add: NFPA 291 Recommended Practice for Water Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants 2019 edition

The adoption of NFPA 1221 Standard for the Installation, Maintenance and Use of Emergency Services Communications Systems 2016 edition shall be limited to the extents prescribed in sections 510.4.2 and 510.5

The following sections of NFPA 96 Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, 2017 Edition, are hereby revised, amended or added:

(1) Section 7.5.2.1.2 shall read as follows:

Prior to the use of or concealment of any portion of a grease duct system, a water pressure leakage test shall be performed to determine that all welded joints and seams are liquidtight.

The following sections of NFPA 291 Recommended Practice for Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants, 2019 Edition, are hereby revised, amended or added:

(1) Section 5.2.1.1 shall read as follows:

All barrels of private hydrants are to be chrome yellow and all barrels of public hydrants are to be Rustoleum Aluminum (silver), or an approved equivalent. Non-steamer caps and bonnets shall be color-coded per the direction of City Utilities.

(2) Add section 5.2.5.3 to read as follows:

All private hydrants shall have affixed and legible a unique, sequential identification tag prior to final approval. Such tag(s) shall be issued by the Fire Department for installation by the owner or owner's representative. Actual costs for such tag(s) shall be reimbursed to the Fire Department prior to issuance.

The following sections of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2018 Edition, are hereby revised, amended or added:

(1) Section 24.3.5.1 shall be removed

(Code 1973, 14-1; Ord. Nos. 2632, 2874, 3011-4/87, 3155-1/90, 3440-12/94, 3962-8/2004, 3976-11/2004, 4581 - 3/2019)

Sec. 13-222. Possession of fire keys.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession, or make or cause to be made, any keys of any fire engine, Knox Box, vehicle or the fire station, or use or cause the same to be used, without the consent of the Fire Chief.

(Code 1973, 14-38)

~~Sec. 13-223. Tampering with, defacing, etc., fire alarm apparatus.~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person, except those connected with the management of the same, to open any signal box unless it be to give an alarm of fire, or break, cut, injure, deface, derange or in any manner meddle or interfere with any signal box or fire alarm system.~~

(Code 1973, 14-40)

Sec. 13-301. Fire Limits

Primary Fire limits are hereby prescribed and established in the City of Hastings, Nebraska as detailed in the fire limits map. All references to streets are intended to reference street centerlines, and all references to rail lines and/or railroad properties are intended to reference railroad right-of-way. Any fringe parcel shall be considered within the primary fire limits if the centroid of the parcel falls within the lines of said map.

Sec. 30-907. Liquid petroleum gas.

Subject to the penalty prescribed by this Code, no installation for the handling and use of liquid petroleum gas will be permitted within the City unless (1) installed by a plumber or gas fitter duly registered under this chapter, and unless (2) such installation is found to conform in all respects to the standards of the National Fire Protection Association Pamphlet 58, LP Gas Code, 2017 Edition and Chapter 13 of the municipal code. Homes and mobile homes within 500 ft. of underground gas utilities are prohibited from new permanent installations of propane systems.

~~Liquid petroleum cylinders and tanks used in the City of Hastings shall comply with the following:~~

- ~~(1) No more than two cylinders not exceeding 20 pounds each shall be allowed per residence, except that campers, RV's or camper trailers that are permitted to be stored on the premise shall be permitted to have up to two 40 pound cylinders, provided they are mounted on and attached to the camper, RV, etc. by approved means.~~
- ~~(2) Cylinders and tanks shall be filled, handled and stored in accordance with NFPA 58 LP Gas Code, 2017 Edition.~~
- ~~(3) Campers, camper trailers and mobile homes located in RV parks and mobile home parks shall be permitted to have not more than two 40 pound cylinders, provided they are mounted on and attached to the camper, RV, etc. by approved means.~~

PROCLAMATION

Building Safety Month — May 2022

Whereas, our City is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

Whereas, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play, and;

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

Whereas, "Safety for All: Building Codes in Action," the theme for Building Safety Month 2022, encourages us all to raise awareness about planning for safe and sustainable construction; career opportunities in building safety; understanding disaster mitigation, energy conservation; and creating a safe and abundant water supply to all of our benefit, and;

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Corey Stutte, Mayor of the City of Hastings, Nebraska do hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 9th day of May the year of two thousand and twenty-two.



Corey Stutte, Mayor