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MEMORANDUM

CITY OF CAMPBELL

City Clerk's Office

To: Bill Bruckart, Building Official

Date: February 18, 2020

From: Andrea Sanders, Deputy City Clerk

Subject: Ordinance 2260 – Reach Codes

At its regular meeting of February 18, 2020, City Council took second reading of Ordinance 2260 to amend Title: 18, Chapter 18 of the Campbell Municipal Code to prohibit the use of natural gas for warm air heating and water heating in all new residential living units. Ordinance 2260 becomes effective 30 days after second reading.

A certified copy of Ordinance 2260 is attached for your reference.



*City
Council
Report*

Item: 6
Category: PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
INTRODUCTION OF
ORDINANCES
Meeting Date: February 4, 2020

TITLE: Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Title: 18, Chapter 18 of the Campbell Municipal Code to Prohibit the Use of Natural Gas for Warm Air Heating and Water Heating in All New Residential Living Units, Thereby Reducing the Amount of Greenhouse Gas Produced by Each Unit (Ordinance/Roll Call Vote)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the City Council introduce an Ordinance Amending Title 18, Chapter 18 of the Campbell Municipal Code to prohibit the use of natural gas for warm air heating and water heating in all new residential living units.

DISCUSSION

Background: In mid-2019, Silicon Valley Clean Energy began a program to encourage local governments to consider the adoption of building codes to limit or eliminate the use of natural gas. The program was designed with the goal to reduce the production of green-house gas emissions created by natural gas usage.

At the Council meeting of November 19, 2019, a presentation was made by John Supp, Account Service Manager, Silicon Valley Clean Energy. In his presentation, Mr. Supp presented information about the program and advantages of using electricity instead of natural gas. At the end of his presentation, he encouraged the Council to consider adoption of ordinances to limit or prohibit the use of natural gas. After Council discussion, staff was directed to prepare an ordinance prohibiting the use of natural gas appliances in new living units involving heating water and air handling units.

Amendment

The 2019 Energy Code is amended to prohibit the use of natural gas for warm air heating and water heating in all new residential living units.

Discussion

The ordinance, if adopted, will not have any effect on existing homes or businesses. It does not prohibit the use of natural gas but limits the use in all new residential living units going forward. It does not prohibit natural gas for cooking, fireplaces or pool heaters.



The efforts of Silicon Valley Clean Energy have influenced a number of cities to adopt similar ordinances that limit the use of natural gas as opposed to prohibiting the use altogether.

Adoption of this ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Campbell Municipal Code will reduce the production of 'green house' gas in new residential units.

In the determination of new residential units, 'remodels and additions' that are determined to be 'new dwellings using portions of existing structure' will be considered new living units.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no significant fiscal impact from this ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not adopt proposed ordinance changes.
2. Provide direction for other local amendments to the State Building Code.

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Brian Loventhal, City Manager

Attachment:

