



**CITY OF TYLER
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Agenda Number: R-1

Date: May 9, 2007

Subject: Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the week of May 6 – 12, 2007, as Building Safety Week in the City of Tyler, Texas.

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Item Reference: Building Safety Week May 6 – 12, 2007

The mission of the Development Services Department is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and to see that all buildings and property development in the City of Tyler are as safe as possible for all 100,000 plus citizens. Staff requests that the City Council execute the attached resolution to show support of Building Safety Week, May 6-12,2007. This week emphasizes the importance of building safety, and the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building departments, and federal agencies play in protecting lives and property.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution that identifies the benefit and effectiveness of building safety codes adopted and enforced by local and state agencies, as well as the importance of public awareness.

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2007-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS PROCLAIMING MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12, 2007 AS BUILDING SAFETY WEEK AND EMPHASIZING THE IMPROTANCE OF THE ROLE BUILDING SAFETY AND FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIALS, LOCAL AND STATE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES PLAY IN PROTECTING LIVES AND PROPERTY THROUGH THE IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY

WHEREAS, the week of May 6 through May 12, 2007 has been designated as Building Safety Week and Tyler, Texas is a participant in the Building Safety Week activities assisting in efforts to improve building safety, and

WHEREAS, through our continuing attention to building safer for everyday life and in times of disaster, we enjoy the comfort and peace of mind of structures that are safe and sound; and,

WHEREAS, building safety and fire prevention officials are at work year round to guide the safe construction of buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the International Code Council, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, and others in the construction industry, develop and enforce codes to safeguard Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play, and learn; and,

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states. These modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur, such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and, earthquakes; and,

WHEREAS, Building Safety Week, sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation, is an excellent opportunity to educate the public. It is a perfect time to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building departments, and federal agencies play in protecting lives and property; and,

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "*Building Smarter . . . for Disasters and Everyday Life*," encourages all Americans to raise our awareness of building safety. Everyone can take appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we live, work, play, and learn are safe. Countless lives have been saved because of the building safety codes adopted and enforced by local and state agencies; and,

WHEREAS, this year, as we observe Building Safety Week, we ask all Americans to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to recognize the local building safety and fire prevention officials and the important role that they play in public safety, everyday and in times of disaster.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:

PART 1: That May 6 through May 12, 2007 is Building Safety Week in the City of Tyler, Texas. Accordingly, our citizens are encouraged to join their fellow Americans in participating in Building Safety Week activities and assisting efforts to improve building safety.

PART 2: That this resolution shall take effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2007.

JOSEPH O. SEEBER, MAYOR
CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY