



To: Mayor and Town Council Members

From: Mark C. Meyers, Town Manager

Date: September 10, 2026

Subject: Building Code Adoption Ordinance Amendment

Background

Virgin Town adopts the International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC) by ordinance. The adoption includes associated code updates and fee schedules. The adoption of these codes also provides for automatic updates.

However, recently the State of Utah amended statute related to adoption of the international codes which requires an ordinance amendment. Under the new law, for municipalities to adopt the international codes, the State of Utah must first adopt them. Therefore, our ordinance must include the language, "as adopted by the State of Utah."

Attached is a draft ordinance discussed at the September 9, 2026, town council work meeting. The consensus was to move the ordinance forward for adoption.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Town Council adopt the amended building code adoption ordinance at the September 15, 2026, regular council meeting. The ordinance will bring the Town into compliance with recently amended State statute.

VIRGIN TOWN

ORDINANCE # 2026-##

AN ORDINANCE OF VIRGIN TOWN COUNCIL, VIRGIN, UTAH, ADOPTING THE 2024 VERSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND THE 2024 VERSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AS ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF UTAH.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Virgin Town ("Town") is an incorporated municipality duly organized under the laws of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 3b, Section 301, the Virgin Town Council ("Town Council") is designated as the governing body of the Town.

WHEREAS, the Town Council and Town Staff have determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and general welfare of the Town and its residents to ensure that all new construction of buildings and structures, including residences and commercial buildings are constructed in a manner that complies with uniform safety codes.

WHEREAS, the International Code Council, an international safety and building consortium, has created and revised a building code known as the International Building Code ("IBC") and a specialized building code only for residences known as the International Residential Code ("IRC").

WHEREAS the current and newest version of the IBC and the IRC were released in 2026 and it is anticipated that the ICC and the State of Utah will update both safety codes every 2-3 years.

WHEREAS, the Town desires to adopt the most current version of both safety codes, both now and in the future, so as to ensure the newest, most comprehensive versions of the IBC and IRC are utilized by the Town Staff, specifically its Building Official and Building Inspector.

ORDINANCE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Virgin Town, Utah as follows:

1. Adoption of the 2024 IBC version as adopted by the State of Utah. The Town hereby adopts the 2024 International Building Code, as promulgated by the International Code Council and adopted by the State of Utah as if set forth fully herein including all appendices and indexes.

2. Adoption of the 2024 IRC version as adopted by the State of Utah. The Town hereby adopts the 2024 International Residential Code, as promulgated by the International Code Council and adopted by the State of Utah as if set forth fully herein including all appendices and indexes.

3. Automatic Adoption of Future Versions of IBC and IRC. The Town shall be deemed to have adopted any newer version of the IBC and IRC 60 days after it has been approved by the ICC and adopted by the State of Utah and made available to the public for dissemination and use.

4. Severability. If any section, clause or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

5. Conflicts/Repealer. This Ordinance repeals the provisions of any prior ordinance in conflict herewith.

6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the signing of the Virgin Town Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE VIRGIN TOWN COUNCIL ON September 15, 2026,

By: _____

Jean Krause, Mayor

Attest: _____

Krystal Percival, Town Clerk/Recorder

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jean Krause, Mayor	☐	☐	☐
Paul Luwe, Council Member	☐	☐	☐
Valerie Wenz, Council Member	☐	☐	☐
April McKeon, Council Member	☐	☐	☐
Jim Kietzman, Council Member	☐	☐	☐

RECORDED this _____ day of _____ 2026

PUBLISHED or POSTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

CERTIFICATE OF PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION OR POSTING

In accordance with Utah Code Annotated §63G-30-102 as amended, I, the Town Clerk/Recorder of Virgin, Utah, hereby certifies that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed and published or posted via Class A Notice at:

- 1) Utah Public Notice website
- 2) Virgin Town website, www.virgin.utah.gov
- 3) Virgin Town Hall

Krystal Percival, Town Clerk/Recorder
Virgin Town, Utah