

MEMORANDUM

To: William T. Lichter, Village Manager

From: George E. Seagraves, Fire Chief

Date: March 18, 2004

Re: 2000 International Code Council (ICC)
Building Code Adoption

Please place before the Village Board of Trustees an ordinance adopting the 2000 ICC Building Code. This code replaces the 1990 Building Officials Code Administration (BOCA) Building Code.

The Building Officials Code Administration merged with the International Code Council, which promulgated the 2000 International Building Code. The amendments are the same as from the BOCA code. There are no substantial changes from our old code to the new code.

The Board of Building Appeals (BOBA) recommended the adoption of the new code as amended. BOBA did suggest additional review in firestopping on residential construction using rock wool in chases, which is allowed in the 2000 code. Additional recommendations are allowing 2" horizontal branch drains not in excess of 5 feet in length, which was changed; and allowing portable toilets in the front of construction. However, the portable toilets are to be located as far from the front property line, as reasonable. Lastly sign regulations were removed and will be governed by the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance has a delayed start of 90 days instead of the usual 10 days. We added this language so that the Elmhurst Hospital and the Convention Center that are already in design would not be impacted. We will inform developers upon passage of the start date of the new code. With the 90-day lead-time, we see little problem with the code update.