

City Council to consider building-related code changes

Code changes will keep the City of Loveland consistent with international building codes, state regulations, and other local governments in the region. Proposed changes include:

- Adopting Model Colorado Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code standards that require buildings to have infrastructure that makes it easier to install energy-efficient equipment and appliances
- Allowing a property owner to be the general contractor on an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)
- Updating residential code to add a time limit for permit extensions and a time limit for finishing the outside of a structure
- Adding contractor licensing for framing and solar
- Adding third-party energy inspections for all new residential and commercial buildings
- Eliminating requirements for renewable energy systems and additional energy credits for all residential and commercial additions, alterations, and remodels.
- Updating property maintenance codes involving appeals, emergency repairs, maintenance, and insect screens
- Adding an option in the Mechanical Code for testing commercial hoods
- Updating roof and electrical installation requirements
- Aligning with the state plumbing code
- Adding definitions for “abandoned,” “hazardous,” “vacant,” and “good condition” to help with code enforcement
- Not requiring a permit for state-licensed facilities
- Updating electrical installation requirements for pools and spas
- Updating Structural Design Loads to align with the American Society of Civil Engineers