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## **CITY OF KEARNEY** **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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### **Effective Date of the 2018 Building and Sign Codes**

The City of Kearney has approved the adoption of the 2018 International Building code, the 2018 International Residential code, and the 2018 Property Maintenance code as well as the amendment to the City's Sign Code. On October 1, 2019 these new codes will go into effect. Any permits that are taken out on or after October 1, must meet these new code standards.

The purpose of the building code updates is to establish the minimum requirements to provide a reasonable level of safety, public health and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, and safety to life and property from fire, explosion and other hazards, and provide a reasonable level of safety to fire fighters and responders during emergency operations (2018 IBC Section 101.3).

The revisions to the sign code took place as a result of the 'Reed v. Town of Gilbert's' Supreme Court Case and the difficulty of using the City's existing sign code. These code amendments maintain Kearney's current signage character, remove content-based regulations, and simplify the application of sign code.

If you have any further questions or would like a brief overview of changes for updates to the building codes and sign code, please contact the Development Services Department.

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