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TO: Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Members
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RE: Denver Building and Fire Code Amendment Package 3

I. CPD Recommendation

The 2016 Denver Building and Fire Code was approved by City Council on March 7, 2016. It was amended in April 2016 in order to add language requiring mitigation measures for certain uses within the Airport Influence Overlay, as well as a few other minor changes, and amended for a second time in December 2016. This Amendment Package 3 contains five changes, and is consistent with the previously approved set of amendments. Therefore, staff recommends approval of this amendment package.

II. Summary and Purpose

Sponsor

Community Planning and Development

Purpose

The proposed building and fire code amendment package is intended to add a few new amendments. A brief description of the new amendments is included below.

1. DBC Chapter 1 – 103.8 and 134
 - a. Striking section 103.8 as it is covered in section 134. Section 134 changes make this section more closely mirror what is in the International Building Code Section 108 which is amended out of the Denver Building Code. These changes provide more latitude in permitting temporary structures and temporary uses. It also allows for one 180-day extension on a permit for a temporary structure containing a residential use.
2. DBC Chapter 1 – 123.5
 - a. This change is for the ratio of apprentices and trainees to Journeyman or Master Electricians from one to one to three to one to mirror the State of Colorado requirements.
3. IFC Chapter 1 – 102.5
 - a. Adds an exception related to IFC application to IRC structures to mirror requirements in the Denver Zoning Code for Denver Fire review of accessory dwelling units.
4. IFC Chapter 1- 105.6.161
 - a. Adds a requirement to obtain an operational permit for any rooftop garden or landscaped roof of 500 square feet or greater.
5. IRC Section R305.1 – Adding an exception
 - a. This change brings back similar language to what was included in the 2011 Denver Building Code. Given that many Denver houses are older and do not meet the ceiling height requirements, the original change in the 2016 Denver amendment to the IRC caused issues with existing basements and the ability of them to be finished. This

change brings back a long-standing amendment to allow flexibility in homes built prior to 1990.