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Shelby Township to adopt new fire codes, focuses on continued advances

The Shelby Township board of trustees voted unanimously at the April 21 meeting to amend the existing Code of Ordinances by adopting the 2012 International Fire Code.

“Our fire marshal and inspectors use the International Fire Code when inspecting existing and new businesses after the building department finishes their inspections. Currently they are using the 2009 codes. By adopting the new 2012 version, we can make sure that they are using the proper tools,” Shelby Township Fire Chief Jim Swinkowski said.

While changes were made to the IFC Codes, there were no major variations. Many of the amendments made were done so to make the language and intent easier to understand.

“Our fire inspectors, working hand-in-hand with the inspectors from the Building Department, safeguard economic development in Shelby Township,” Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. “Adopting these ordinances is an important step because it assures that process continues with the most up-to-date standards.”

The township hopes to amend the fire codes every three years to ensure continued updates keep the department’s standards relevant in the face on evolving trends.

“There are always advances in technology, and building trends are no different,” Stathakis said. “By making sure that out fire inspectors are operating with the most accurate and up to date information, we can guarantee that they can keep doing the wonderful job that they are to keep our residents safe.”

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