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To: Building, Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors
Doing Work in Butte-Silver Bow

RE: **Important Information Regarding the
Amendments to Butte-Silver Bow Municipal Code
Title 15 Buildings and Construction**

Dear Contractors:

The Butte-Silver Bow Council of Commissioners recently passed amendments to the local Municipal Code Title 15 Buildings and Construction through Council Bill No. 2020-01 Ordinance 2020-01. Most of these changes were to update the codes enforced throughout Silver Bow County to the 2018 versions as required by the State of Montana City/County/Town program. Following are a list of the most relevant codes that will be in effect starting Friday March 6, 2020:

- 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code
- 2018 International Mechanical Code
- 2018 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2018 International Building Code
- 2018 International Residential Code

All of these codes can be purchased from the following website: <https://shop.iccsafe.org/> with the exception of the Uniform Plumbing Code which can be purchased here: <https://iapmmembership.org/>.

Please keep in mind that Butte-Silver Bow Municipal Code 15.040.090 states that it shall be mandatory for every general contractor to obtain the current edition of the International Building Code and have at least one copy of the code at their place of business. There shall be a two-dollar fine levied for each day when the code book is not at their place of business after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this title unless proof is provided the book has been ordered.

The following is a summary of other significant changes to this ordinance:

1. Commercial Construction projects require design professional stamped drawings.
2. There is a \$75.00/hour minimum 1-hour re-inspection fee for inspections that are scheduled and not ready when the inspector arrives on-site.
3. Any permissible work that has started prior to obtaining a permit will be subject to a fine equal to the permit fee or \$500.00 whichever is greater.

A copy of Council Bill No. 20-1 Ordinance No. 20-1 can be found in the Clerk and Recorder's office located on the 2nd floor of the Butte-Silver Bow Courthouse located at 155 West Granite Street, Butte.