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Public meetings set on Property Maintenance Code

Mark Roberts, senior regional manager for government relations of the International Code Council, will speak on property maintenance codes during two public meetings Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Council Chambers.

The Jonesboro City Council adopted a new Property Maintenance Code in December. Although the code went into effect in January, Mayor Harold Perrin declared a 60-day amnesty period on enforcement. That means complaints can be accepted in the interim, but no further actions will be taken until the first of April.

Meanwhile, the city's Quality of Life-Code Enforcement Department has begun a public education effort to help citizens understand the new code. Wednesday's public meetings are part of that effort.

The first meeting will be held from 3-4:30 p.m., and the second from 5-6:30 p.m. Each session will include a presentation and a question-and-answer period. Both will be televised live on Suddenlink government access channel 24.

The International Code Council was established in 1994 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing a single set of comprehensive and coordinated national model construction codes. The organization developed a set of international codes designed to provide safeguards for people at home, at school and in the workplace. Fifty states and the District of Columbia have adopted the international codes at the state and-or local levels, according to the council's Web site, iccsafe.org. Many federal agencies also enforce the international codes.

The founders of the ICC are Building Officials and Code Administrators International Inc., International Conference of Building Officials and Southern Building Code Congress

International Inc. Since the early part of the last century, these non-profit organizations developed three separate sets of model codes used throughout the United States.

“Although regional code development has been effective and responsive to our country’s needs, the time came for a single set of codes,” the ICC Web site says. “The nation’s three model code groups responded by creating the International Code Council and by developing codes without regional limitations.”

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