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Board of City Commissioners
City Hall
225 4th Street North
Fargo, ND 58102

RE: An Ordinance Deleting and Replacing Table R301.2 of the 2024 International Residential Code (IRC) Relating to Snow Load

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

Enclosed for your consideration and approval is an ordinance amending Section 21.1-0102 of Article 21.1-01 of Chapter 21.1 of the Fargo Municipal Code, which contains the City's amendments to the 2024 International Residential Code ("IRC"). Specifically, the proposed ordinance deletes and replaces Table R301.2 to correct the prescribed ground snow load requirement.

The Board of Appeals considered this matter at its May 7, 2026, meeting and recommended the change. Subsequently, at its May 11, 2026, meeting, the Board of City Commissioners directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare an ordinance effectuating that recommendation. Accordingly, the proposed ordinance is submitted for your approval.

Please feel free to contact Shawn Ouradnik or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Suggested Motion: I move to receive and file an ordinance amending Section 21.1-0102 of Article 21.1-01 of Chapter 21.1 of the Fargo Municipal Code relating to the International Residential Code and to place the ordinance on for first reading at the next regularly-scheduled city commission meeting.

Sincerely,

Alissa R. Farol Czapiewski
Assistant City Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Shawn Ouradnik, Inspections Department

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FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21.1-0102 OF ARTICLE 21.1-01
2 OF CHAPTER 21.1 OF THE FARGO MUNICIPAL CODE
3 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE

4 WHEREAS, the electorate of the City of Fargo has adopted a home rule charter in accordance
5 with Chapter 40-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and

6 WHEREAS, Section 40-05.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code provides that the City
7 shall have the right to implement home rule powers by ordinance; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 40-05.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code provides that said home
9 rule charter and any ordinances made pursuant thereto shall supersede state laws in conflict therewith
10 and shall be liberally construed for such purpose; and

11 WHEREAS, the Board of City Commissioners deems it necessary and appropriate to
12 implement such authority by the adoption of this ordinance;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

14 Be it Ordained by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo:

15 Section 1. Amendment.

16 Table R301.2 in Section 21.1-0102 of Article 21.1-01 of Chapter 21.1 of the Fargo
17 Municipal Code is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:
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TABLE R301.2
CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA

GROUND SNOW LOAD ^o	WIND DESIGN				SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY ^f	SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM			ICE BARRIER UNDERLAYMENT REQUIRED ^h	FLOOD HAZARDS ^g	AIR FREEZING INDEX ⁱ	MEAN ANNUAL TEMP ^j
	Speed ^d (mph)	Topographic effects ^k	Special wind region ^l	Windborne debris zone ^m		Weathering ^a	Frost line depth ^b	Termite ^c				
44	111	No	No	No	Zone A	Severe	4.5'	None	Yes	1978	4000	41.5
MANUAL J DESIGN CRITERIA ⁿ												
Elevation		Altitude correction factor ^e	Coincident wet bulb	Indoor winter design relative humidity	Indoor winter design dry-bulb temperature		Outdoor winter design dry-bulb temperature		Heating temperature difference			
899		None	70	30%	70		-15		85			
Latitude		Daily range	Summer design gains	Indoor summer design relative humidity	Indoor summer design dry-bulb temperature		Outdoor summer design dry-bulb temperature		Cooling temperature difference			
47		M	20	50%	75		88		13			

For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479 kPa, 1 mile per hour = 0.447 m/s.

Section 2. Penalty.

A person who willfully violates this ordinance is guilty of an infraction. Every person, firm or corporation violating an ordinance which is punishable as an infraction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00; the court to have power to suspend said sentence and to revoke the suspension thereof.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Timothy J. Mahoney, M.D., Mayor

(SEAL)

Attest:

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Final Passage:
Publication:

Angie Bear, Deputy City Auditor,
on behalf of the City Auditor