

**A G E N D A   R E P O R T**

**DATE** July 20, 2004

**ITEM** Ord. 2875, Conduct Public Hearing Amending Title 15, Adding Chapter 15.57, "Design Professionals"

**INITIATED BY** Community Development Department

**ACTION REQUESTED** Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Ord. 2875 on Final Reading

**PREPARED & PRESENTED BY** Jeff Jenkins, Building Official

**REVIEWED & APPROVED BY** Mike Rattray, C.D. Director

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Ordinance 2875 on final reading.

**MOTION:**

I move to adopt Ordinance 2875 on final reading.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The 1997 Edition of the UBC (the last edition), had verbiage which allowed the Building Official discretion when submittal documents were to be prepared by a licensed design professional. With the adoption of the IBC this discretion has been omitted unless specifically allowed by local statute.

**BACKGROUND:**

Historically, the Building Official for the City of Great Falls has exercised discretion when requiring submittal documents to be prepared by a licensed design professional. This practice was allowed by previous editions of the code and has served the community well. The new IBC has chosen not to give this discretion in the text of the code, but rather indicates it cannot be exercised unless required by local statute. The State has agreed that certified municipalities have the option of adopting locally an ordinance which allows such discretion.