



BUILDING CODE UPDATE COMMITTEE

Minutes for the June 12, 2024 Meeting.

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Darrel Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Robert Larue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Kris Griffith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
John Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Chip Bradway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
David Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person

MEETING DETAILS

Date: June 12, 2024

Time: 9:00am

Location: Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 18

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:08am.

2. Roll Call

A roll call was taken to determine member participation. A quorum was met. See above for details regarding attendees and means of participation.

3. Review of May Minutes

Proposal 355, Mr. Cross notes that he did not have a concern about fiscal impact.

4. Review of Code Change Proposals and Fiscal Impact

- i. **368 – Chapter 2 – Definitions – Building Official** – Cross-proposal with Fire. Code Official already defined, could create conflict. Ms. Wakefield notes that this is intended to alleviate confusion between who is a fire and building official. Mr. Cook believes that it could create the opposite effect, as it creates confusion

about who can approve which parts of code. Mr. Hawkins added that in some rural counties, there isn't anyone to talk to if there isn't professionally staffed building and fire crews. **Approved.**

- ii. **342 – 304.1 – Business Group B** – Mr. Hawkins expressed confusion about why this is on the agenda. Mr. Cross explained that it was tabled so he could do some research on sprinkling fire stations but has not had time to do so yet. Some discussion was had about whether holding cells were required to be sprinklered. Discussion was had over whether an exception should be created under Chapter 9 for fire stations and police stations with holding cells. **Tabled.**
- iii. **371 – 406.1 – General** – Intended to clean up confusion on what is allowed and not allowed for commercial/non-commercial vehicle parking inside buildings. Mr. Murua asked if Mr. Cook would limit non-commercial vehicles inside a building. Mr. Hawkins asked about Tesla's and non-commercial electric vehicles. Mr. Cross asked if an exception could be made for incidental overnight use rather than regular use. Mr. Murua asked if there is a definition for incidental use. Mr. Cross suggested that incidental use would be a matter of discretion left to code officials or other determining bodies, not something that should be in the code. Mr. Hawkins asked if such changes would affect non-commercial electric vehicles inside structures such as parking garages. **Approved.** After approval, it was suggested that this provision as duplicated in the fire code. Fire Code 313.1 covers similar topics, but Exception 1 would allow for compliance with the Building Code.
- iv. **372 – 707.5.1 – Supporting construction** – Adding two exceptions to supporting construction. Mr. Hawkins was unsure when some of the exceptions would apply and believed that others were already covered by the model code. **Withdrawn.**
- v. **377 – 907.2.1.1 – System initiation in Group A occupancies with an occupant load of 1,000 or more** – Existing amendment for outdoor facilities that require emergency voice communication systems. Difficult to design a system in open-air environment. Amendment creates alternatives. **Approved.**
- vi. **378 – 907.2.3 – Group E** – Mr. Cook expressed concern about the need to completely renovate schools that go over area with additions. Came into the code through the use of lockdown situations. Mr. Cross expressed concern that piggybacking lockdown systems through the fire alarm system could create confusion. Fire alarm industry representatives would like the amendment left out. Mr. Larue added that humans are smarter than machines and having a non-pre-programmed system might be more ideal. **Approved.**
- vii. **376 – 909.3 - Special inspection and test requirements** – May also be in fire code. Potentially a whole chapter on special inspections that need to occur,

- previously stricken because covered under GAR. Held until such time as GAR is covered to find out whether changes should be made. **Tabled.**
- viii. **373 – 909.18.8 – Testing for smoke control** – Same discussion as above. **Tabled.**
- ix. **374 – 909.19 – System acceptance** – Existing proposal that refers to the GAR. **Tabled.**
- x. **375 – 909.20.6.3 – Acceptance and testing** – Additional time requested. **Tabled.**
- xi. **357 – 917/907.2.1.1/907.2.3 – Mass notification systems/ System initiation in Group A occupancies with an occupant load of 1,000 or more/Group E occupancies** – No proponent. **Denied** for invalid proposal format.
- xii. **353 – 918 – Emergency responder communication coverage** – Discussion also covers proposal 354 for Fire Code. Deleted in 2014 code, new code language covered in 354. Attempting to start a conversation and take out smaller wood-framed buildings. Mr. Patarino notes that emergency communication requirements would need to be known at the beginning of the project in order to budget for them. Mr. Cross and Mr. Frost suggested that a radio engineer could be employed at the beginning of the project to determine if radio coverage would be a likely requirement based on building type and location. Concern was had how locals would have input on these types of issues absent a local ordinance, which is prohibited by statute. Mr. Burgess noted that “complied radio coverage” should be “compatible radio coverage.”
- xiii. **379 – 1106.1 – General** – Mr. Hawkins notes that accessibility codes have always been an issue in Indiana. Accessible parking already required by federal law. ADA does not allow variances. Ms. Wakefield asked if Mr. Patarino objected to the current model code language. Mr. Patarino notes that modifications were made in 2014, bringing forward. **Tabled.**
- xiv. **380 – 1108 – Dwelling units and sleeping units** – Financial burden to move to 2024 code without bringing amendment forward. Mr. Larue notes that there is no federal requirement for Type A units, just Type B and other accessible units. Questions arose as to why Type A units are included in model code and whether there are other federal requirements for Type A units, some grant funding tied to having them. Mr. Holman noted that there is a 2 missing from notation. **Approved.**
- xv. **381 – 1206 – Sound transmission** – Change made to 2014 code. Brought forward by proponent. **Approved.**

- xvi. **382 – 1301.1 – Scope and intent** – Reference to International Energy Conservation Code. **Approved.**
- xvii. **383 – 1502.2 – Secondary (emergency overflow) drains or scuppers** – **Tabled** while Mr. Patarino does research on scuppers. May also be covered under ASE 722.
- xviii. **358 – Building Alarm Identification** – **Denied** for improper format. Can resubmit.
- xix. **360 – Building Alarm Identification** – **Denied** for improper format. Can resubmit.

5. Other Committee Business

Mr. Cook expressed concern about people submitting carryover amendments when more resources should be devoted to issues that the Commission sees variance requests for frequently.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Indiana Building Code Update Committee shall take place on **Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 9:00am**. The meeting will be held in the **Indiana Government Center South** in **Conference Room 18**. The meeting will also be streamed live via Microsoft Teams.

Public notice and virtual/electronic meeting access details will be provided on the Committee's Web Page in advance of the meeting.

7. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:04pm.