



# FIRE PREVENTION & BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION



## FIRE CODE UPDATE COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda for February 12, 2025, Meeting

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### MEETING DETAILS

**Date:** February 12, 2025

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 29

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#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

#### 2. Roll Call

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Joshua Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Andrew Gorgol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Derek Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Shelly Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person

#### 3. Review Meeting Minutes

December – (APPROVED) – no changes need to be made.

#### 4. Review of Code Change Proposals and Fiscal Impact

##### a. 485 – 101.1 – Scope and General Requirements (**Tabled**)

- Tabled.

##### b. 522 – 903.2.8 – Group R (**Approved with Conditions**: add “the Indiana Building Code” after both section numbers and add” an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.2.8.1.)

- Intent is to correlate the fire code and building code, so they align with one another. Previous code iterations fire station and police station were listed as class B occupancies. Because of R component requires the whole building to be sprinklered. Challenges becomes because we are also sprinkling s1 component for fire station is rural areas this is a huge imposition because they don’t have a water supply to be able to do that. R component is now called out as an R3 which allows a 13D to be used. Much more palatable to put 13D in a rural fire station with no water supply.

##### c. 518 – 903.3.1.1.1 – Exempt Locations

- This section was already added in the fire code.

##### d. 523 – 906.1 – Where Required (**Tabled**)

- Original proposal was to eliminate extinguisher except for Table 906.1, however that would leave a lot of places without fire extinguishers requirements. There is also concern about the fiscal impact from not doing anything to this section and requiring fire extinguishers everywhere. The main issue is with the saying “where required by local ordinance”.

##### e. 519 – 907.2.1.1 – System Initiation in Group A Occupancies with an Occupant Load of 1,000 or More. (**Approved**)

- Bringing forward a proposal that was brought forth from the 2014 code update cycle.

##### f. 520 – 907.2.3 – Group E (**Tabled**)

- Emergency voice alarm notification systems in Group E occupancies. Seems to be some model code level from backtracking on requirements for emergency voice communication systems. Consider changing Exception 2 to raise the occupant load.

g. 521 – Chapter 35 – Referenced Standards (**Withdrawn**)

- Building Code had more referenced standards about other currently adopted codes in Indiana – references elevator, plumbing code, etc. A.117 is adopted by reference in Chapter 11.

h. 524 – Chapter 80 – Referenced Standards (**Tabled**)

- Need to have a conversation about A.117. Showing people where things are in the back of the book.

i. Proposal 244 – Submitted March 13, 2024 (**Withdrawn**)

- Rated separation that a horn strobe be placed on the exterior of the building, that way fire commanders can see where the separation is and know what kind of horizontal issues there are. That may trigger the building to not even have a fire alarm, a strobe may not be applicable, nor would the proposal be applicable to Chapter 9. This would need to be resubmitted to the proper code and chapter (would need to be in the building code and not in the fire code).

5. Other committee business.

6. **Closing Comments and Adjournment**

Next meeting is Wednesday March 12, 2025 in Conference Room D. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. (The next meeting is supposed to be a joint meeting tentatively March 14<sup>th</sup> )

