



# FIRE PREVENTION & BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION FIRE CODE UPDATE COMMITTEE



## Minutes for April 12, 2024 Meeting

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Y es	N o	
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person

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## MEETING DETAILS

**Date:** April 3, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Location:** Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 18

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

## 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 March Minutes

March minutes **approved**.

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

- a. **193 – Definitions- Fire Apparatus Access Road** – Staying tabled while additional discussion on Chapter 5 takes place.
- b. **231 – 323.3 – General Requirements** – Remaining tabled while Mr. Gully resubmits the first portion.
- c. **234 – 101.2 – Scope** – Was previously tabled pending discussion on Public Law 8. Remaining tabled while further research happens. PL 8 was never codified.
- d. **245 – 301.2 – Permits** – Moved to approve without discussion.

Motion: Approve.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**e. 246 – 303.5 – Fire Extinguishers – Moved to approve without discussion.**

<b>Motion: Approve.</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- f. **247 – 304.1.3 – Vegetation** – Ms. Kent asked how this affects local ordinances and jurisdictions. Ms. Wakefield notes that statutory provisions on the same subject would supercede the code and ordinance requirements. Ms. Kent suggests allowing a local authority to be added as a person who can remove weeds, as code only allows owner or occupant. Chairman Murua and Tyler Burgauer believes that it will be legally sufficient.

<b>Motion:</b> Approve.		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- g. **248 – 304.2 – Storage** – Mr. Frost notes that language in the current code already covers this subject matter, proposes replacing the word ‘nuisance or a’.

**Motion:** Approve with the following amendments: Remove the words ‘nuisance or a’, keep the remaining language of the model code. “Storage of combustible rubbish shall not produce conditions that will create a hazard to the public health, safety, or welfare.”

Name	Vote	
	Y es	N o
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- h. **249 – 307.1.1 – Prohibited Open burning** – Open burning regulated through IDEM in another part of the administrative code. Chairman Murua notes that there are certain exemptions and that often the language is included in the permit.

<b>Motion:</b> Approve.		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- i. **250 – 307.2 Permit Required** – Approved without discussion.

<b>Motion:</b> Approve along with 251.		
Name	Vote	
	Y es	N o
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

j. **251 – 307.2.1 – Authorization** – Approved with Proposal 250.

k. **252 – 307.3 – Extinguishment authority** – Approved without discussion.

<b>Motion: Approve.</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



- I. **253 – 307.5 – Attendance** – Ms. Kent suggests changing the language to read “by an adult capable of extinguishing the fire”. Ms. Wakefield notes that nobody should be using a fire extinguisher unless they have been trained.

<b>Motion: Deny.</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

m. **268 – 308.1.3 – Torches for Removing Paint** – Approved without discussion.

<b>Motion:</b> Approve.		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**n. 270 – 308.1.5 – Open Flame Devices – Approved without discussion.**

<b>Motion:</b> Approve.		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**o. 274 – 308.2 – Permits Required – Approved without discussion.**

<b>Motion: Approve.</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- p. 277 – 510.2 – **Emergency Responder Communications Enhancement System in Existing Buildings** – Mike Patarino wishes to speak on this but cannot attend, requests that motion be tabled to the next meeting.

Motion: Table.		
Name	Vote	
	Y es	N o
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- q. **278 – 510.1 – Emergency Responder Communications Enhancement System in New Buildings** – Tabled with 277.
- r. **280 – 308.3 – Group A Occupancies** – Ms. Kent notes that the model code is more permissive and is hesitant to carry over an amendment just because it was previously made.

<b>Motion:</b> Deny.		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>

Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- s. 283 – 310.2 – Prohibited Areas – Tabled while Tyler does research for statutory conflict re: smoking prohibition statute.

<b>Motion:</b> Approve.	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>

	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

t. 284 -310.3 – “No Smoking” Signs – Also tabled.

<b>Motion:</b> Approve.	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>



	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

u. 285 – 311.1.1 – Abandoned Premises – Approved without discussion.

<b>Motion:</b> Approve.	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>

	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

v. **286 – 311.2.1 – Security** – Ms. Wakefield is concerned that this could conflict with local unsafe building ordinances. Mr. Burgauer believes that this would not conflict due to home rule but just gives two places of authority. **Proposal withdrawn by proponent.**

w. **300 – 311.2.2 – Fire Protection** – Discussion was had on the specific wording on ‘fire official’ and ‘approved’, how it affects discretion, processes, etc.

<b>Motion:</b> Approve with the following amendment: no change necessary to fire official.		
Name	Vote	
	Y	N

	<b>es</b>	<b>o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

x. **302- 311.5 – Placards** – Approved with 303.

<b>Motion:</b> Approve.		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
	<b>Y es</b>	<b>N o</b>
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent (A)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- y. **303 – 311.5.1-311.5.5 – Placards (Continued)** – Approved with 302.
- z. **304 – 314.2 – Fixtures and Displays** – Ms. Kent asked what firefighters would generally consider secured. Ms. Wakefield suggested that children swinging on it should not create a tip.

Motion: Approve.		
Name	Vote	
	Y es	N o
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 5. Other Committee Business

Ms. Kent notes that she will not be continuing the committee, has asked Jason Shelly to find a replacement for her. Chairman Murua asked DHS to start the process of soliciting a replacement.

## 6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Indiana Building Code Update Committee shall take place on **Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 9:00am**. The meeting will be held in the **Indiana Government Center South** in **Conference Room C**. 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 3:19pm.