



FIRE PREVENTION & BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

ABUILDING CODE UPDATE COMMITTEE

Minutes for the November 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 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"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person

MEETING DETAILS

Date: November 13, 2024

Time: 9:00am

Location: Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room C

1. Call to Order

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:12am.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Quorum was met. See above for attendance details.

3. Review October Meeting Minutes

October minutes could not be reviewed due to a technical limitation on the IDHS website. September minutes still due.

4. Review of Code Change Proposals and Fiscal Impact



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a. **489 – 906.1 – Where Required** – Removes requirement to mandate fire extinguishers as a general statement, still requires situation-specific extinguishers per the table. Fire extinguishers situational. Previously removed in former editions of the code. Substantial discussion was had on whether it was better to include a requirement and instruct persons on how to use them effectively or encourage people to leave a building and allow fire professionals to extinguish a fire, potentially leading to preventable damage. Mr. Cross proposed the following as an **alternate**: Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed where required by table 906.1 and where required by local ordinance. No fiscal impact as it maintains the status quo. Mr. Cook has no objection. **Approved as amended.**

b. **445 – 2702.2.3 – Emergency Responder Communication Coverage Systems** – Mr. Cross noted that this code section should remain as-is to require backup power systems where emergency communications systems are required, pending the outcome of the later fire code proposal. Mr. Cook questioned if there were any statistics for the necessity of backup power were coming from. **Denied.**

c. **448 – Chapter 34 – 3401.X – 1304.1.3 (International Building Code)** – Mr. Cross amended as follows: add the language “and certify.” **Approved as amended.**

d. **449 – Chapter 34 – 3401.X – Table 1305.2.3 (International Building Code)** – Approved as submitted.

e. **450 – Chapter 34 – 3401.X – Table 1305.2.5 (International Building Code)** – Approved as submitted.

f. **451 – Chapter 34 – 3401.X – 1305.2.5.1 (International Building Code)** – Approved as submitted.

g. **453 – Chapter 34 – 3401.X – 1305.2.11 (International Building Code)** – Approved as submitted.

h. **454 – Chapter 34 – 3401.X – 1305.2.14.1.2 (International Building Code)** – Approved as submitted.

i. **455 - Chapter 34 – 3401.X – 1305.2.15.1.1 and 1305.2.15.1.2 (International Building Code)** – No penalty for battery backup over backup generator. Approved as submitted.

j. **456 – Chapter 34 – 3401.X – 1305.2.20 through 1305.2.21.3.1 (International Building Code)** – Amend as follows: Enter 0 in corresponding sections 1305.2.20, 1305.2.21.1, 1305.2.21.2, 1305.2.21.3 in table 1306.1.

k. **457 – Chapter 34 – 3401.X – Table 1306.2 (International Building Code)** –



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Committee meetings determined that a brand new building that complies with the code, scored against Chapter 34, would fail due to increased scores. Keep mandatory scores as-is. Mr. LaRue noted that the Commission frequently heard variances for the sole purpose of granting points to Chapter 34 and wondered if this was necessary, as people are not meeting the scores anyway. **Approved.**

I. **384 – Chapter 35 – Referenced Standards** – Model code references ANSI A117.1-17. Turning radius is different. **Approved as submitted.**

5. Other committee business.

6. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:55am. Next meeting is Wednesday, December 11 at 9:00 am in Conference Rooms 1 & 2.

