

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee**  
**Friday, September 7, 2018**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Glen Allen, VA**

**Members Present**

J.P. Carr (BHCD)  
Keith Johnson (VFSB)  
Ernie Little (VFSB)  
Brian McGraw (VFSB)  
Sean Farrell (BHCD)  
Steve Semones (BHCD)

**Members Absent**

Call to Order

Mr. Steve Semones, Chairman of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Policy Office. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Semones noted that there would not be public comment during the committee meeting. It was noted that any action taken by this committee would be presented as a recommendation to the Codes and Standards Committee.

Mr. Erik Johnston, Director of DHCD, stated that an employee of DHCD did make a comment on Town Hall but stated that it was an accident and that the comment is not a comment of the agency and asked the Board to disregard the comment.

Review of Final Regulations for the SFPC

Ms. Cindy Davis, Deputy Director of DHCD's Building and Fire Regulations Division, presented a timeline of the code change process from which the Board directed staff to remove unenforceable provisions. She explained the process and what constitutes a workgroup and a sub-workgroup. Ms. Davis stated that 98 comments were received during the petition period and staff provided an analysis to each comment. Seven comments were related to errors. Two errors occurred during submission to the Regulation Information System (RIS) and have been corrected through errata. The remaining five errors

are put forward for Board approval.

Mr. J.P. Carr made a motion to recommend approval of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) as approved on October 16, 2017, to include the technical changes provided by staff with an effective date of October 16, 2018; that motion was then seconded. After discussion, the motion failed on a 3-3 vote.

Mr. Keith Johnson moved to approve the 2015 SFPC base document to include the consensus technical changes as presented to the Board on September 18, 2017, in addition to two non-consensus items: section 107.22 – State Fire Marshall inspection fees and section 507.5.1 – Water supplies for infill developments; that motion was then seconded. After discussion, the motion failed on a 3-3 vote.

Mr. Brian McGraw moved to approve the 2015 SFPC base document to include the consensus technical changes as presented to the Board on September 18, 2017, two non-consensus items: section 107.22 – State Fire Marshall inspection fees and section 507.5.1 – Water supplies for infill developments, and all consensus items from the workgroup on chapters 1 – part of chapter 10; that motion was then seconded. After discussion, the motion failed on a 3-3 vote.

Other Business

There was no other business to be discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned