

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MEETING
June 22, 2009
Richmond, Virginia**

Members Present

Mr. Anthony Clatterbuck
Mr. Richard Evans
Mr. Thomas Fleury
Ms. Lori Fountain
Mr. Brian Mullins
Ms. Nancy O'Brien
Ms. Carol Saulnier
Mr. Tip Strickland
Mr. Ed Whitmore
Mr. Rick Witt

Members Absent

Ms. Betty Ann Davis
Mr. Michael Reilly

Call to Order

Mr. Anthony Clatterbuck, Chairman of the Codes and Standards Committee, called the meeting of the Committee to order.

Base Documents

Mr. Emory Rodgers, Deputy Directory of the Division of Building and Fire Regulation, recommended the Committee review and take action on each base document separately.

A motion was made to approve the Virginia Manufactured Housing Safety Regulations as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A motion was made to approve the Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations with two technical amendments as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A motion was made to approve the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A motion was made to approve the Virginia Certification Standards as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A motion was made to approve the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A motion was made to approve the Virginia Rehabilitation Code (Part II of the USBC) as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A motion was made to approve the Virginia Rehabilitation Code (Part III of the USBC) as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A motion was made to approve the Virginia Construction Code (Part I of the USBC) as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Consensus Code Changes

The Committee reviewed each proposed consensus code change separately. There were three items that were removed for further discussion and/or clarification: 1) water-damaged electrical equipment approval, 2) placarding of buildings dangerous to fire-fighting operations, and 3) grease hood cleaning records. A motion was made to include all of the remaining consensus code changes, as presented, in the proposed regulations. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A motion was made and seconded to disapprove the code change for the placarding of buildings dangerous to fire-fighting operations. No vote was taken. After discussion, a substitute motion was made to gather further information on how to achieve consistent methods to determine criteria for placarding and have the Committee revisit the issue at a later date in the code development cycle. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

After discussion on the proposed code change for grease hood cleaning records and the possible impact on smaller establishments, a motion was made to defer the item and give the submitter the opportunity to resubmit the code change with clarifying language. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Nonconsensus Code Changes (Carry-over Items)

A motion was made to approve the proposed code change related to Section 102.3 – Exemptions. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. All other nonconsensus code changes were deferred by the Committee

Residential Sprinkler Sub-work-group Package

After an overview from staff, the Committee reviewed the June 3, 2009 meeting agenda and packet of the sub-workgroup on residential sprinklers. A motion was made to approve the proposed code change that was submitted removing the mandate for residential sprinklers and instead stating that, where installed, an automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 13D or Section P2904. This would apply to townhouses and one and two-family dwellings. Following a discussion of this issue by the members of the Committee, including some comments for clarification from persons attending the meeting, the motion was restated with a reference to the page number in the meeting workbook for clarity. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Mr. Clatterbuck stated that this issue will continue to be considered by the Committee and the full Board throughout the 2009 regulatory cycle and public comment received on the sprinkler issue will be taken up at future meetings.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 27, 2009 in Richmond, Virginia following a public hearing held by the Board on proposed building and fire code regulations.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.