

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Amusement Device Technical Advisory Committee**

Summary Minutes of the August 20, 2019 Meeting – Virginia Housing Center

Committee members present: Brian Gentilini, Chairman, Danny Abner, Jeff Brubaker, and Victor Purchase.

DHCD Staff present: Jeff Brown and Travis Luter

Others present: Michael Dillinger, Neil Holland, Andy Marchetti, Ken Martin, Randy Smith.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

The Chairman moved to approve the June 24, 2019 minutes as presented. The minutes were approved with no objections.

The Chairman opened the floor for discussion of the first agenda item concerning VADR code change proposal AD40(2); adding references to ASTM F2960-18 and ASTM F3054-18 as well as updating ASTM F2291 and ASTM F2374 to reference the 2019 edition. After discussion it was generally agreed upon to recommend approval of proposed code change AD 40(2)-18.

The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion of the next agenda item concerning fees and permitting amusement devices. After discussion it was generally agreed upon that the fees needed to be updated. DHCD staff drafted a sample code change proposal on the overhead screen for all to review. DHCD staff suggested converting the sample document into a formal code change as presented on the screen. It was generally agreed upon to move forward as suggested. (Sample document attached)

The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion of the next agenda item concerning ANSI/ACCT 03-2016 Standard. Randy Smith offered to go back to his group and put together additional documentation related to aerial adventures such as challenge courses and zip lines to present to the ADTAC in hopes of having the standard included in the VADR as a reference standard or at least as an option that could be used by amusement device inspectors. The ADTAC members generally agreed to defer any final decision on a recommendation to the BHCD until the additional documentation was provide to the ADTAC.

Lastly, DHCD staff posed a question to the ADTAC, that we had received from an amusement device company, for their input.

**Question:** Are two inspections required per year for operations that are open year round and technically do not have a season.

**Answer:** Yes

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.

## **DRAFT OF ADTAC RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO FEES:**

**A.** In accordance with §§ 36-98.3 and 36-105 of the Code of Virginia, the local building department shall be responsible for the enforcement of this chapter and may charge fees for such enforcement activity. The total amount charged for any one permit to operate an amusement device or devices or the renewal of such permit shall not exceed the following, except that when a private inspector is used by the owner or operator of the device, the fees shall be reduced by 75%:

1. ~~\$35~~ \$55 for each small mechanical ride or inflatable amusement device covered by the permit;
  2. ~~\$55~~ \$75 for each circular ride or flat-ride less than 20 feet in height covered by the permit, except concession go-karts. Concession go-kart fees shall not exceed \$300 per track, for tracks with up to 20 karts. An additional fee of up to \$10 may be charged for each additional kart in excess of 20;
  3. ~~\$75~~ \$100 for each spectacular ride covered by the permit that cannot be inspected as a circular ride or flat-ride in subdivision 2 of this subsection due to complexity or height, except zip lines. Zip line fees shall not exceed \$150 for each zip line. For the purposes of this section, each portion from launch point to landing point shall be considered a separate zip line and each zip line between a launch point and landing point shall also be considered a separate zip line.
  4. \$200 for each coaster covered by the permit that exceeds 30 feet in height; and
  5. \$400 for each coaster covered by the permit that exceeds 60 feet in height.
- ~~5.~~ 6. The local building department may charge an additional fee for permits and inspections of generators and associated wiring for amusement device events. Generators subject to these fees are those used exclusively with amusement devices and that are inspected by the local building department. The fee per event shall not exceed \$165 and shall not exceed the actual cost to perform the inspection or inspections.

Exception: Small portable generators serving only cord and plug connected equipment loads are not subject to the fee.

Notwithstanding the fee limitations established in this section, the local building department shall be permitted to increase the fees up to 50% when requested to perform weekend or after-hour inspections. The local building department shall also be permitted to increase fees up to 50% when a reinspection is required.