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Minutes of 07/10/2025

Division Staff Justin Touchstone, Executive Officer
Present: Amanda Lee, Board Support Specialist

The Public Hearing, held in Moscow, was called to order at 8:41 AM (PST) by Executive Officer (EO) Justin Touchstone.

2024 Building Code Review and Public Comment Session

This public hearing is to gather comments about the key changes between the 2018 and 2024 International Residential Code (IRC), the 2018 and 2024 International Building Code (IBC), the 2024 International Energy Code (IEC), and the 2009 Idaho Accessibility Code (IAC) based on the 2009 A117.1 and the 2017 A117.1 American National Standard (ANS), as issued by the International Code Council (ICC)

International Building Code

Justin Goodwin with the City of Moscow and Wesley O'Brien with Castellaw Kom Architects inquired about the storage of both smaller and larger lithium-ion batteries. Mr. Goodwin also had several questions in line with Shane Nikes of the American Wood Council about the criteria for means of egress and necessary smoke and heat detection for battery storage areas. They also discussed the requirements for accessibility and inquired about any exemptions for renovations of older buildings. Heida Osvold from Clearwater County joined Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Nikes in discussing clarifications for guard rail requirements.

International Residential Code

Bobbie Kaufman from Clearwater County, Greg Castellaw of Castellaw Kom Architects and Mr. Goodwin discussed several studies on snow loads as well as allowing jurisdictions to decide what snow loads should be in their respective areas. Mr. Goodwin suggested the Building Code Board review the fire separation distance defined in the IRC for firewall installation. Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Castellaw, Mr. Nikes, Ms. Kaufman, and Rob Bafus with the City of Moscow all raised concerns regarding zoning and potential code compliance issues associated with duplex buildings not being fully sprinklered, due to a possible regulatory oversight. Ms. Kaufman and Mr. Nikes expressed concern with unclear definitions of family leading to potential discrimination and pushbacks from members of the public. Macy Miller of MiniMotives discussed enacting Ordinance 25-25 from the City of Boise into state code to encourage more tiny homes to be transferred into Idaho by allowing third-party inspections. Mr. Nikes and Mr. Goodwin added that allowing third-party inspections will help Idaho address affordable housing.

International Energy Code

Jerry Peterson of the ICC discussed several changes to the IDAPA 24.39.30 regarding the International Energy Conservation Code. These include changes to 600.05.d, e, f, and g, 600.06.e, h, i, j, k, and l. Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Nikes and Mr. Peterson discussed the potential eradication of the Open Charge Point Protocol.

ADJORNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 PM.