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Minutes of 07/15/2025

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

The Public Hearing, held in Rexburg, was called to order at 8:25 AM (MST) 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

Bret Stoddard with the City of Rexburg, Charlie Allen with the City of Ammon, Dave Freelove with the Association of Idaho Cities, and Jerry Peterson of the ICC discussed complications caused by the lack of consistency in definitions for what entails “family” within the IBC and IRC. Mr. Stoddard also informed EO Touchstone of a potential increase for allowable height being proposed soon in Boise. Mr. Stoddard mentioned the renovation accessibility standards within the current International Existing Building Code may have conflicting requirements with the IBC.

International Residential Code

Mr. Freelove, Mr. Stoddard, and Mr. Peterson discussed the potential of an increase in snow load requirements and the roles the different jurisdictions play in ensuring public safety. Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Freelove, and David Decker with Madison County expressed concerns about the potential hazards electric vehicle charging station installations may cause. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Stoddard discussed the importance of having tiny home verbiage added to the IRC.

International Energy Code

Jerry Peterson with the ICC discussed several suggested 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. Garret Christofferson with the City of Idaho Falls, Mr. Freelove, and Mr. Stoddard discussed how sealing, heat-pumps, and manufacturer installation instructions all play key roles in energy efficiency and conservation.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM.