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Minutes of 08/11/2025

Division Staff Justin Touchstone, Executive Officer
Present: Kolby Reddish, Lead Legal Counsel
Erin Einarsson, Board Support Supervisor
Amanda Lee, Board Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM MT by Executive Officer (EO) Justin Touchstone.

This was a public hearing to provide the opportunity to comment on IDAPA 24.39.30 – Rules of Building Safety (Building Code Rules). EO Touchstone highlighted the following proposed changes:

- Adopt the 2024 edition of the International Building Code (IBC)
 - Consider the review of items A through G (previous amendments to the 2018 code)
 - Removal of the 2021 edition mass timber provision in favor of the 2024 edition
- Adopt the 2024 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC)
 - Adds the American National Standards Institute A117.1 (Accessibility Requirements)
 - Removal of the previous language for exterior wall distance requirements
 - Language update for the definition of separation (does not change requirement, only verbiage)
 - Update in language to direct to the correct section of the 2024 edition
 - Addition of language to allow for fire sprinkler exceptions
 - Addition of table for minimum depth and width requirements for crush stones and foundations
- Adopt the 2024 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
 - Removal of code sections for interior parking area lighting controls, sleeping units and dwelling units, comfortable lighting, automatic receptacle controls, energy monitoring, and renewable energy systems from the commercial section
 - Allows nine step visual inspection requirements to be met in place of a blower door test
 - Removal of code sections for heat recoveries, testing mechanical ventilation systems, electrical resistance heating, interior lighting controls, and additional efficiency requirements
 - Adopt the International Code Council (ICC) 400 standard (design and construction of log structures)

Public Comments: Jerry Peterson with the Idaho Energy Code Collaborative pointed out that the adoption of the ICC 400 standard does not change the current requirements or procedures for the design and construction of log structures.

Jason Blais with the City of Boise suggested Keeping the IBC amendments as currently written and only updating the code references, with the exception of the mass timber amendment being removed due to the added guidance in the 2024 edition of the IBC. He also noted that certain sections relating to plumbing and relocatable buildings should be deleted as they are covered in statute.

Ken Burgess with Idaho Home Builders Association suggested further conversations and research to be done regarding the R104.2.1 listed compliance section of the IRC and the 1608 snow loads section of the IBC. Mr. Burgess also added that the inclusion of heat detectors in garages as opposed to complex fire systems would be a cost-effective means of reducing lithium-ion battery and battery storage dangers.

Damon Woods with the University of Idaho suggested removal of sections C406.1.1 and C406.1.2 of the IECC to balance and simplify the Idaho Building Code as a whole.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.