

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Fire Advisory Board

Monday, December 11, 2017

9:00 AM, Regional Forum Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Bob Morgan, City of Fort Worth

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Bob Morgan, City of Fort Worth and Chair of the Fire Advisory Board (FAB), welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DISCUSSION

- 2. Goals of the Fire Advisory Board.** The Board will discuss the goals of the board during the 2018 code review process in regards to the changes from the 2015 to 2018 International Fire Code, as well as the need for regional amendments to the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

Bob Morgan, City of Fort Worth, outlined the purpose of the Fire Advisory Board and the usual code review process the FAB goes through. It was stated that the majority of time is spent reviewing Chapter 9 of the Fire Code, and that as a group the review process goes through Chapter 11. Then the group will break into Task Forces and Review the remaining code. There was discussion about members of the Board that have retired and been replaced, and requests for new members. Bob Morgan mentioned the need for more private sector members to be able to accommodate the required percentage of public vs. private sector membership on the Board.

- 3. Begin the review of the International Fire Code.** The Board will discuss the process of reviewing the International Fire Code.

The review of the 2018 International Fire Code began with the review of the changes between the 2015 and 2018 International Fire Code. Bob Morgan, City of Fort Worth, has been updating the 2015 North Central Texas Council of Governments amendments to reflect major changes to the 2018 International Fire Code. There was brief discussion about retroactive sprinkler requirement for A-2's that will be discussed once Chapter 11 is reached in the review process.

Fire Advisory Board Members reviewed the following:

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Chapter 1 – Section 105.6 – Operational Permits; regarding the on demand mobile fueling vehicles; Bob Morgan, City of Fort Worth, stated he will be bringing forward to the committee a suggested regional amendment once Chapter 57 is reached in the review process.

Chapter 2 – Definitions – Definition of Ambulatory Care Facility - the phrase “or staff has accepted responsibility for care recipients already incapable” has been added to the definition.
Definition of Umbrella Structure - Umbrella Structure has been added to Chapter 2.

Chapter 3 – Section 315.7 – Outdoor Pallet Storage – there were major changes made to this section, and the committee discussed these changes and the possible need for an amendment – it was decided to leave the published code as is.

Chapter 4 – Section 404.2.3 and 404.2.3.1 – Lockdown Drill – The board discussed this code and what attending board members were doing/requiring for lockdown drill.

Chapter 5 – Section 503.2.8 – Fire lane slope – The committee discussed a possible amendment that max fire lane slopes should not exceed 6 degrees or 10% for directional and 6% for cross. It was stated that it may be beneficial to send out a survey in order to see what other cities are doing for their angles of approach and departure.

Chapter 6 – Section 603.3.2.1 – Quantity Limits – The board discussed the requirement of a double wall when complying with UL 142 for up to 1,320 gallons, which is new to the published 2018 IFC.

Section 604 – Emergency Power – It was stated the emergency power section was moved to section 1203. It was decided that the board members were to read Chapter 12 and the emergency power section before deciding to delete this amendment from the North Central Texas Council of Governments regional amendments.

Section 607.2 – Commercial Kitchen Hoods – The board discussed Type 1 hood requirements and the following exceptions, which now coordinate with IMC.

Chapter 7 – Amendment from 2015 International Fire Code on section 704.1 was discussed in regards to whether it should be moved to Chapter 11 in section 1103.4 and add on the current requirements for this code.

Chapter 8 – Section 807.2 – Combustible Decorative Materials – Previous amendment on this section for the 2015 International Fire Code was deleted.

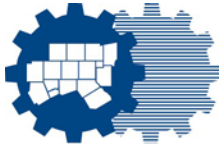
Chapter 9 – Section 901.4.6.1 – Access – The addition of an amendment regarding exterior access for this section was discussed. It was decided by the group that an amendment regarding the exterior access to Sprinkler/Riser rooms with a reason that reads as follow, “Reason: To provide immediate access to the sprinkler riser(s) for the building in question.

Section 901.6.1.1 – Standpipe Testing – It was discussed to add the phrasing “inspected by camera”.

Section 901.8.2 – Removal of existing occupant-use hose lines - Existing amendment on this section from 2015 International Fire Code is to be removed, as it was determined that it is no longer needed based on the change made to the published 2018 IFC.

Section 903.2.3 – Group E – This section was discussed as to the changes in the published 2018 IFC, and no action was discussed.

Section 903.3.1.2.3 – Attics – It was discussed that parts of this section were to be removed except for the Group R-4 section and to keep the existing amendment.



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Section 903.2.9.3 - Self-Service Storage Facility – The board discussed this section of the 2015 International Fire Code NCTCOG regional amendments and decided to keep it as is.

Section 903.2.11 – Specific buildings areas and hazards – The board decided to leave this section as is for now.

Section 903.3.1.1 – There was no additional discussion on this section by the board.

Section 904.14 – Aerosol fire-extinguishing systems – New to the 2018 Code – there was no additional discussion on this section by the board.

Section 905.3.9 – Buildings Exceeding 10,000 sq. ft. – The board discussed the existing amendment from the 2015 International Fire Code. The exception was edited to read “Automatic dry, semi-automatic dry, and manual dry standpipes are allowed as provided in NFPA 14 where approved by the fire code official.”

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

4. Future Agenda Items.

No Future Agenda items were requested.

5. Roundtable Topics/Other Business.

FAB members and NCTCOG may share additional items of interest as time allows.

No additional items were discussed.

6. Schedule for the Next FAB Meeting.

The next meeting of the Fire Advisory Board will be held on January 17, 2018 at 9AM in the William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room.

The next meeting of the Fire Advisory Board was announced and is scheduled for January 17, 2018.

7. Adjournment.








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