



BUILDING CODE UPDATE COMMITTEE

Minutes for the May 08, 2024 Meeting.

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Darrel Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Robert Larue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Kris Griffith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
John Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Chip Bradway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
David Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person

MEETING DETAILS

Date: May 08, 2024

Time: 9:00am

Location: Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 18

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:08am.

2. Roll Call

A roll call was taken to determine member participation. A quorum was met. See above for details regarding attendees and means of participation.

3. Review of April Minutes

No additional corrections need to be made to April minutes. March: update beginning to reflect building code. No record of attendees. February: No changes. Committee **approved** all minutes.

4. Review of Code Change Proposals and Fiscal Impact

- i. **313 – Definitions – Agricultural Building** – Carryover definition, references Indiana statute. **Approved** without further discussion.
- ii. **314 – Definitions – Construction Documents** – Approved without further discussion.
- iii. **342 – 304.1 – Business Group B** – Carryover interpretation from the state regarding the occupancy classification of fire stations. Mr. Cross expressed concern about fire stations being the only residential occupancy to be unsprinklered. The Indiana State Fire Marshal Stephen Jones notes that 911 Call Centers should also be included, as they are unable to move. Shelly Wakefield notes that some protection should be offered, if not a full 13 system then a 13-R or 13-D system like what is used for religious buildings. Mr. Cross believes that the model code already addresses some of these concerns, as R-3 occupancies are allowed to have a 13-D system, so staying with the definition in the model code would create the same outcome. Mr. Hawkins believes that careful wording would need to be done to allow for some of the changes, as current infrastructure will not always allow this setup, necessitating a variance. Marshal Jones notes that rural Indiana simply doesn't have the money to comply with some of the requirements, even with an automatic fire alarm. Discussion was had on other institutional occupancies and sprinkler requirements. Chairman noted that many jails are asking for variances to not sprinkler in the cells, as inmates often break the head or otherwise misuse equipment. **Tabled.**
- iv. **343 – 312.1 – General** – Pulling out everything that isn't a Class I building (livestock shelter, retaining walls). **Approved.**
- v. **344 – 403.5.5 – Luminous Egress Path Markings** – Mr. Cook believes that the cost of installation is excessive for the benefit provided. **Approved.**
- vi. **345 – 509.4.2 – Protection** – **Approved.**
- vii. **347 – 705.5 – Fire-Resistance Ratings** – Rating from both sides unnecessary and creates excessive cost and burden. **Approved.**
- viii. **346 – 706.2 – Structural Stability** – Unnecessary if both sides are sprinklered, industry professionals unclear on how to achieve this standard. **Approved.**
- ix. **348 – 903.3.1.1.1 – Exempt Locations** – Ms. Wakefield and Mr. Hawkins believe that 712 already covers this. **Amend to read:** Delete 'by two-hour fire-resistant construction,' insert "in accordance with Section 713." **Approved as amended.**
- x. **336 – 907.2.1.1/907.2.3 – System Initiation in Group A Occupancies with an Occupant Load of 1,000 or More/Group E Occupancies** – Proponent

unavailable. Proposals should be separated. **Tabled** until proponent can be contacted and new proposals submitted.

- xi. **353 – 918 – Emergency Responder Communication Coverage** – Mr. Cross expressed concern about how high the fiscal impact calculation is based on his own experience with installation of such systems. Substantial discussion was had on cost benefit calculations and appropriate values, as well as necessity of the systems. Further discussion is needed. **Tabled.**

5. Other Committee Business

Mr. Cook expressed concern about people submitting carryover amendments when more resources should be devoted to issues that the Commission sees variance requests for frequently.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Indiana Building Code Update Committee shall take place on **Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 9:00am**. The meeting will be held in the **Indiana Government Center South** in **Conference Room 18**. The meeting will also be streamed live via Microsoft Teams.

Public notice and virtual/electronic meeting access details will be provided on the Committee's Web Page in advance of the meeting.

7. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:04pm.