

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE HEARING**

Thursday – May 15, 2014 – 9:30 a.m. (MT)

**Division of Building Safety
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian, Idaho
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
2055 Garrett Way, Building 1, Suite 4, Pocatello, Idaho**

**NOTE: The following report is not a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting,
but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.**

Chairman Andrew Bick called the hearing to order at 9:31 a.m. (MT).

Board Members Present:

Andrew Bick, Chairman
Dennis Schaffner
Michael Arrington
Dan Hunter
Jason Blais

DBS Staff Members Present:

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator-Operations
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator-Administration
Arlan Smith, Program Manager
Terry Blessing, Regional Manager, Region 1
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3
Aaron Reynolds, Regional Supervisor, Region 1
Adam Bowcutt, Regional Supervisor, Region 3
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

◆ **Introductions**

As part of the negotiated rulemaking process for the Idaho Building Code Board two hearings must be held 60 days apart. This is the first of two hearings. Board members are invited but not required to attend this hearing.

◆ **Negotiated Rulemaking**

Review Proposed Amendments of the Currently Adopted Building and Energy Codes – Board Member Blais presented the following proposed amendments:

- R105.2 Item 2 “Work Exempt From Permit” – The work exempt permit section of the 2012 International Residential Code (IRC) has changed the fence requirements from six (6) feet to seven (7) feet. The current rule amendment on this section states six (6) feet. At present the rule is more restrictive than the model code.

It was recommended the rule amendment be updated to reflect the current code language.

- Table R302.1(1) “Exterior Walls” – The 2012 IRC has created two tables in the code.

The rule amendment would correct the applicable table reference. It would also update the table for openings in walls (unlimited) and for penetrations to be consistent with amended minimum fire separation distance requirements for walls and projections.

- R303.4 “Mechanical Ventilation” – During the adoption process of the 2012 IRC, the Code Collaborative recommended the Idaho Building Code Board approve the deletion of R303.4 from the code. Since that time, data on the subject has been collected on homes across the state.

The amendment would re-establish the scope in the building code to require mechanical whole-house ventilation in all new dwelling units. An exception has been added where whole-house mechanical ventilation is not required when it can be shown air changes per hour (ACH) are at five (5) to less than seven (7) when a blower door test is conducted.

For clarity, it was recommended the verbiage be changed to “... equal five (5) or greater ACH when tested with blower door ...”.

◆ **Homeowner Energy Code Survey**

Sharon Grant, Eco Edge, will present the results of the 2013 Idaho Homeowners Energy Code Survey at the July 17, 2014 Idaho Building Code Board meeting.

◆ **2014 AIC Annual Conference**

As part of the Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) Annual Conference, a Building Officials Track will be offered June 18-20, 2014 at the Boise Centre in Boise, Idaho. To receive the membership price, write “Building Officials Track” next to *Special Requests* on the registration form.

◆ **Code Collaborative Meeting**

The Collaborative will meet Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at the AIC office in Boise.

◆ **Adjournment**

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m. (MT).

ANDREW BICK, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD

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