

**Construction Codes Advisory Board
Minutes of December 17, 2015**

Board Members present:

Greg Gilda	Charlie Beck
Judy Tucker	Eric Vander Mey
Lachlan Foss	Jim Safranek
Loren Brandford	

Board Members absent:

Allan Wakeling	Len Whalen
Rob Lane	Steve Simpson
Lily Iftner	Joseph Malaspino

City Staff:

Maureen Traxler	Jon Siu
Kathleen Petrie	Rich Richardson (SFD)

How Seattle DCI Communicates to CCAB and the Public

- DPD will continue to be sending e-mail using “mail chimp” software
- Go to the CCAB page on the Seattle DCI web site:
 - <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/aboutus/whoweare/constructioncodeadvisoryboard/default.htm>
 - Select a meeting date. Associated documents can be accessed.
- Draft codes can also be accessed on the DPD web site:
 - <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/changestocode/BuildingCodeUpdate/Why/default.htm>

Minutes of December 3, 2015

CCAB unanimously approved the meeting minutes from September 17, November 19, and December 3, 2015

Review of Chapter 9 of the 2015 Seattle Building Code

Rich Richardson shared the changes to Chapter 9 of the 2015 Seattle Fire Code. Many of these changes need to be replicated in Chapter 9 of the Seattle Building Code, as demonstrated by Maureen Traxler. During the discussion, the following items were identified as still needing to be changed:

Section 903.2.1.6: The Fire Department is proposing to delete an existing state and Seattle amendment that requires sprinklers in nightclubs because it is covered by other sections that require sprinklers in Group A occupancies. DPD will confirm that sprinklers would be required in all nightclubs without the amendment.

Section 903.2.3: Add new exception 4, from the Washington State Fire Code: “Group E daycare and preschool facilities with an occupant load of 100 or less, when located at the level of exit discharge, where every room in which care is provided has not fewer than one exterior exit door.”

Section 903.2.6: Add new Exception 4, also from the State Code: “Where new construction or additions house fewer than sixteen persons receiving care, an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.2.8.3 shall be permitted for Group I-1, condition 2 assisted living facilities licensed under chapter 388-78A WAC and residential treatment facilities licensed under 246-337 WAC.”

Section 903.2.9.1: Add new amendment to require sprinklers only in “major” repair garages. A definition of “major repair” will also be added to Chapter 3. The provisions are based on NFPA standards.

Section 903.3.1.2: DPD will consider adding a note box to clarify whether an NFPA 13 or NFPA 13R sprinkler system is required when there is a mix of residential and nonresidential occupancies in a multistory structure, including podium buildings.

Rich Richardson will craft the language.

Section 907.1.2: Change the term “licensed Professional Engineer (PE) in Washington” to “engineer licensed in the State of Washington” in order to remain consistent across the codes. Because of e-plan or other department submittal options, the use of a true “wet stamp” is no longer possible, so the language will be modified to be less specific about how the required documents must be presented.

Section 909.16.1: The term “simple shaft configuration” is too subjective and doesn’t add value so it will be deleted. The term “shaft” shall also be revised to clarify that it is specifically stairway and elevator hoistway construction.

Section 909.18.8.3.1: It was determined that the amendment should be deleted because documentation will already have been filed with the code official and an additional copy is located at the building, so it isn’t necessary to submit another set to the Fire Chief.

Section 909.20.6: The second sentence in Item #2 which reads will be deleted: “Smoke detectors shall be installed within 5 feet (1524 mm) of doors exiting into pressurized stairways.” These smoke detectors are usually only required in buildings with pressurized stairways.

Discussion will resume with Section 909.21 at the next meeting.

Remaining Seattle Mechanical Code Chapters 11 through 14, the Seattle Fuel Gas Code, Seattle Building Code Chapter 11, and Seattle Residential Code will be covered at the next CCAB meeting on January 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.