

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Fire Advisory Board

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

9:00 AM, William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Bob Morgan, City of Fort Worth

Vice Chair: Ariana Hargrove, City of Rockwall

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. Continue the review and discussion of the 2018 International Fire Code. The Board will review Chapter 9 and on of the International Fire Code.

The review of the 2018 International Fire Code continued on from the last meeting starting with Chapter 9 section 906 and continuing on.

Chapter 9 – Section 906 – There were no amendments made to this section during the 2015 review. However, changes were made to the 2018 code. The Advisory Board had no comments or concerns regarding the 2018 changes.

Section 907.1.4 – The Advisory Board discussed the removal of the details of plan reviews in the regional amendments because it is outlined in NFPA 72.

Section 907.2.1 – There was an edit made in the 2018 code that made the occupant load in the 2015 NCTCOG amendments no longer an addition.

Section 907.2.3 – There were no comments made on the exception in this section.

Section 907.2.10 – R4 Fire Alarm – 2018 code deleted this section. The advisory board had no concerns regarding the deletion of this section.

Section 907.5.2.3.3 – Group R-2 – The board discussed R-2 specifications for devices.

Section 907.6.3 – Initiating device identification – The advisory board keeping this 2015 amendment as is but deleted the exceptions in this section.

Section 907.6.6 – Monitoring – The advisory board discussed the added sentence in the 2015 amendment. The committee was in favor of keeping this added sentence.

Section 909.22 – Stairway or Ramp Pressurization Alternative – The board discussed this amendment from the 2015 Regional Amendments.

Section 910.2 – Smoke and Heat Removal – The board offered no comments or changes for this section.

Section 910.3.4 – Vent Operation – The board offered no comments or changes for this section.

Section 910.3.4.2 – Non-sprinklered Buildings – The board offered no comments or changes for this section.

Section 910.4.3.1 – Makeup Air – The board offered no comments or changes for this section.

Section 910.4.4 – Activation – The board discussed changed the 2015 amendments for automatic to manual, as well as removing the amendment.

Section 911 – Explosion Control – The board offered no comments or changes for this section.

Section 912.2.3 – Hydrant Distance – The board offered no comments or changes for this section.

Section 901.4.6.1 – Access to Pump and Riser Room – The board returned to this section which was discussed at the last Fire Advisory Board meeting. The board discussed changing the wording for this amendment.

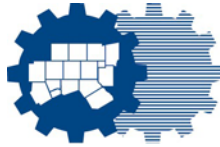
Section 914.3.1.2 – Water supply to required fire pumps – The board noticed an error in the 2015 Amendments. The conversion for 120 feet was listed as 128 meters. The board discussed fixing this amendment to read 37 meters.

Section 915.6.1 – Enclosed parking garages – The board discussed what defines an enclosed parking garage (i.e. are car warehouses considered a parking garage).

Section 916 – Gas detection Systems – The board offered no comments or changes for this section.

Section 1031.10 – Emergency Lighting equipment inspection and testing – The board offered no changes or comments for this section.

Section 1103.5.5 – Group A-2 – The committee discussed how long people would have to retroactively comply with this requirement. It was proposed to give 24 months (2 years) for buildings to retrofit and comply with the requirements. The following verbiage was discussed for the reasoning “Regional consistency of this retroactive requirement to allow business owners adequate time to budget and accommodate the cost of the fire sprinkler system”.



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- 3. Discussion on Task Force Group.** The Fire Advisory Board will divide the remaining Chapters of Code for the board to review in Tasks Forces, who will report back on any changes needed on the regional amendments.

The Advisory Board broken down the remaining chapters as follows:

- Chapter 12: Tony Aspen
- Chapter 22: Bob Morgan
- Chapter 23: Time Dedear
- Chapter 27: Wesley Caskey
- Chapter 28: Dwight Freeman
- Chapter 31: Kelly Clements
- Chapter 32: Tom Oates
- Chapter 33: Herb Cavanaugh
- Chapter 38: Bob Morgan
- Chapter 39: Alfred Paster
- Chapter 56: Reggie Alexander

The Wildland - Urban Interface Code will also be distributed into a task force of cities who are affected by this code.

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 is to be held on January 24, 2018 at 9AM in the William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room.

The next meeting of the Fire Advisory Board scheduled for January 24, 2018 was cancelled. The next meeting of the Fire Advisory Board is scheduled for February 13, 2018 at 9 AM in the William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room.








- 7. Adjournment.**

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