

Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association

February 15th, 2013 BOD Meeting

Louisa County Administration Building

President Bladen called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

In attendance: Anthony McMahan, Curtis Campbell, David Harris, Dustin McLehaney, Emory Rogers, Geary Showman, James Anjam, John Seay, Paul Rimel III, Richard Grace, Richard Witt, Robert Adkins, Ron Bladen, Ronald Clements, Ryan Anderson, Shawn Strausbaugh, Skip Harper, William Aldridge

Secretaries Report: Minutes from the October 12, 2012 BOD Meeting were approved.

Executive Secretary Report: Please see attached report. Geary pointed out the rising costs for mailing new member packets and the group felt including the annual yearbook was worth the costs for mailing and not to eliminate it when mailing out new packets.

Treasurer's Report: Please see attached report.

ICC Report: Please see attached report. Rick Witt added that the midyear code hearings is now called committee hearings and the fall final action hearings will now be called the public comment hearings. Codes and standards council application closed on February 11th. April hearings schedule will be out soon.

ICC Region VII Report: Please see attached report.

DHCD Report: Emory applauded VPMIA for all the efforts put into the 2012 USBC process. We have made significant progress getting gray water from the green code into The 2012 USBC; the swimming pool code will be part of the 2012 USBC as well as marina requirements for plumbing fixtures. Also addressed domestic appliances used for domestic purposes in commercial buildings. Emory stated we (VPMIA) have addressed everything we were tasked with and then some. Emory stated that DHCD will assist with scholarship monies for members wanting to attend the hearings in Dallas this April.

DPOR Report: No report-(President Bladen encouraged all to contact DPOR and comment regarding the possible elimination of PMG CEU's.)

BCACC Report: (Emory) Met and approved some draft regulations however I do not have the actual report. The development of 2012 code change training to start this summer. **(Rick Witt)** Just a reminder that if your last name ends with the letters N-Z your DHCD CEU's are required by the end of May.

Ad Hoc Committee's

50th Anniversary Report: The umbrellas for the SOI are in and Dustin spent well under the \$1500.00 allocated for this effort.

Joint Summit/Conference: VPMIA & VBCOA will be the only participants in the joint conference. The joint conference committee meets on February 22nd in Chesterfield County.

Committee Reports

Advertising/Yearbook: Efforts to obtain Ads for our Yearbook are under way. Request for Ads have been sent out to all who participated in 2012. As of 1/22, we have 5 confirmed sales of full-colored page Ads. It is a good start. I would ask that all members canvas their Districts for potential customers.

Audit/Finance: No Report

Awards: Deadline is February 20th for nominations so get them in if you have someone in mind.

By Laws/Parliamentarian: *Please see attached draft.* Paul Rimel handed out a copy of the draft of the bylaws rewrite thru Article V. I (Skip) had stated I thought it was not fair for the Secretary/Treasurer duties to transfer in the middle of the SOI. Bob Adkins stated that according to the current bylaws (Article IV, Section 3-b) we are doing the changing of the officers at the wrong time as the current by-laws state: The officers stay in place thru the close of the SOI which most agreed was at the end of the last day which is currently our General Membership Meeting. Geary Showman stated the SOI ends at the end of day three. Rick Witt stated the committee will define when the SOI starts and ends. Richard Grace pointed out that the general membership meeting starts as Part 1 on the 2nd day and Part II is on the 3rd day (currently) however it is still one meeting therefore the end of that meeting is the close of the SOI.

The bylaws committee is proposing a Board of Directors Job Description Policy.

Nominations: (Bane Compton) I have personally spoke with all the present Directors and Officers and asked if they would be willing to serve as next year's VPMIA upcoming Officers and Directors. They all said they would be proud to.

Legislative: See Attached Report

Certification/Education/Training: I (Skip) made a motion to consider three complimentary registrations for the upcoming SOI for Guy Tomberlin, Kenny Payne with Moseley Architects and Ed Altizer with The State Fire Marshalls Office and their spouse(s) which got a second and then turned into a debate which lead me to withdraw my motion. David Beahm wrote and thanked the BOD for supporting his trip to the hearings in Dallas back in April 2012. I have urged the Director at Large and Four District Directors to set up training in their districts. Dustin has training scheduled for Feb 27th and 28th. I have an agreement with an online DPOR training provider to simply link from our site to his and every time someone clicks from our site we would generate \$5.00 for plumbing and HVAC, and \$3.00 for gas. Startup cost for VPMIA would be nothing nor would we be required to be involved in any portion of entering DPOR data, maintenance, or phone calls however this was not agreed upon by the group so I will break my ties with this firm.

PMG Committee: Richard reported code changes for the IRC are due out on March 11th and a code committee meeting will be held right after that, workgroup meetings with DHCD are continuing as well.

Membership/Publicity: No Report

Time/Place: No Report

SOI: No Report

Old Business: Moving the Graves location was discussed because of costs. Curt asked if anyone had looked into other locations. Skip mentioned that he contacted Graves's right after our Dec 13 and spoke with Darlene on Dec 17 and the breakdown for the meals was \$13.59 and if we had a minimum of 50 the meeting room was no cost. Paul Rimel felt the membership should make the decision on staying at Graves Mountain and I agreed. This will be put on the agenda per Paul's request for the membership meeting. Curt asked that we put all the excess shirts on sale at the SOI. Motion was made and approved for reducing the price of the shirts.

New Business: We need to know who would like to attend Dallas ASAP. We had discussion about reversing Graves to have the membership meeting first followed by lunch and then training. The thought here was more members would attend the meeting and receive the complimentary lunch and then move into classes. Ron received a letter from The New Jersey Bldg officials Association has requested "pay it forward" for the conference later this year in Atlantic City which Ron and Curt will see through. Dustin pointed out we need new younger members to keep VPMIA moving in the right direction. Building Safety Month is fast approaching and Ron has asked that we provide input as to what VPMIA can do or contribute to this event.

Other Business: None

Adjourn: President Bladen adjourned the meeting at 2:26 PM

From: Executive Secretary's Report
Date: February 13, 2013
Reference: BOD Meeting
To: Skip Harper, VPMIA Secretary

The following is a report of membership after the first mailing for 2013 dues.

Active Membership List-----304
Life Time Members-----18
Retired Members Paid Dues----- 1
Members Not Paid 2013 Dues-----65
Members Not Paid for Two Years-10

Total 2013 Dues Paid-----210 x \$30 = \$6,300

Associate Membership List-----58
Life Time Members----- 7
Members Not Paid 2013 Dues-----13
Members Not Paid for Two Years--15

Total 2013 Dues Paid ----- 23 x \$35 = \$805

Total 2013 Paid Dues \$7,105

New Active Members: Brian Mikelaites; Building Inspector for New Kent County
Robert D. Burns; Building Inspector for New Kent County
Robert K. Ott, Jr.; Building Inspector for Orange County
Michael D. Milbourne: Mechanical Inspector for Loudoun County
Mike Plum; Building Inspector for the City of Morgantown, WV.
John W. Broughton: Building Inspector for Montgomery County

New Associate Members: Marty Knizner; President of ATS, LLC. From Forestville, MD.

If anyone needs additional information, please contact me at 540-459-2789, c/phone 540-975-0782, or e-mail gshowman@shentel.net.

Thank You!

Geary W. Showman, CBO.
VPMIA Executive Secretary

FEBRUARY 15TH 2013

VPMIA TREASURER'S REPORT

**AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD ON DECEMBER 14TH I
MADE REIMBURSEMENTS TO PERSONS THAT HAD
RECEIVED VPMIA FUNDS TO ATTEND THE PORTLAND
HEARINGS. ONE CHECK TO RON BLADEN IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$ 367.14 AND ONE CHECK TO DAVID
BEAHM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 435.23 FOR A TOTAL OF
\$ 802.37. THE BOARD ALSO APPROVED FUNDINGS FOR
RICHARD GRACE TO ATTEND THE DALLAS
HEARINGS IN APRIL. RICHARD HAD REQUESTED
FUNDS PRIOR TO HIS TRIP FOR \$1500.00. I DID NOT
FEEL THAT THE BOARD WOULD OBJECT, SO I SENT
HIM A CHECK FOR \$ 1500.00. HE WILL REFUND
ANY MONEY THAT WAS NOT USED**

VPMIA

2/14/2013 2:11 PM

Register: Checking

From 12/13/2012 through 02/14/2013

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment C	Deposit	Balance
12/14/2012	1390	Skip Harper	BOD Lunch	expense	112.14		30,011.27
12/14/2012	1391	Geary Showman	mail/USPS	expense	75.60		29,935.67
12/18/2012	members...	2013 membership re...	Membership	deposit		2,510.00	32,445.67
12/18/2012	paypal	Membership Dues	Membership	deposit		57.66	32,503.33
12/18/2012	1392	david beahn	Reimbursement for por...	expense	435.23		32,068.10
12/27/2012	paypal	membership renewal	cecil hardee	deposit		28.83	32,096.93
01/02/2013	1393	Ron Bladen	Operations:Postage, M...	expense	9.35		32,087.58
01/02/2013	1394	Ron Bladen	Portland ICC	expense	367.14		31,720.44
01/07/2013	1395	Kris Bridges	ICC ANNUAL DUES	expense	100.00		31,620.44
01/11/2013	members...	membership renewal	Membership	deposit		1,325.00	32,945.44
01/11/2013	1396	promotional marketin...	umbrella for SOI 50th ...	expense	461.50		32,483.94
01/11/2013	1397	Richard Grace	Dallas Trip	expense	1,500.00		30,983.94
01/30/2013	1398	Wright United Metho...	memorial contibution		100.00		30,883.94
02/08/2013	fee	BB&T	service fee	expense	2.00		30,881.94
02/08/2013	fee	BB&T	service fee	expense	2.00		30,879.94

International Code Council Government Relations Update

February 2013

Advance Registration Open for Committee Action Hearings

We invite you to register now for the 2013 **Committee Action Hearing**, formerly known as the ICC Code Development Hearing. The Committee Action Hearing is a critical step in the development of the 2015 International Codes.

This year's hearing, April 21 – 30 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, offers code and fire officials, designers and other building safety professionals the opportunity to voice their opinions and help shape the 2015 I-Codes. This event is an excellent way to learn more about the codes, get involved in the code development process, and **be heard!** Participants will consider proposed code changes to the Group B codes. Group B "Admin" includes code change proposals submitted to Chapter 1 of all the I-Codes except the IECC, IgCC, IRC, ISPS, and the ICCPC and the administrative update of referenced standards in all the 2012 I-Codes. Proposed changes to Chapter 1 of the IECC, IgCC, IRC, ISPS and ICCPC will be considered by the applicable Code Development Committee.

Should YOU attend the hearings? If you are:

- Code Officials and Inspectors
- Contractors and Builders
- Structural Engineers and Architect
- Fire Safety Professionals
- Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Professionals
- Manufacturers of pool and spa safety products
- ICC Members and stakeholders

Then what are you waiting for? Click on this link to fill out your registration form now!

<https://s3.goeshow.com/icc/ICCAH/ereg591499.cfm?pg=register>

Building Safety Month is Right Around the Corner!

Sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC), Building Safety Month is celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide during the month of May. This year's theme is *Building Safety Month: Code Officials Keep You Safe*. Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety:

- Week One – May 6-12, 2013: Fire Safety and Awareness
- Week Two – May 13-19, 2013: Disaster Safety and Mitigation
- Week Three – May 20-26, 2013: Backyard and Pool Safety
- Week Four – May 27-31, 2013: Energy and Green Building

Find out more about Building Safety Month here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Pages/default.aspx>

Building Safety Month Proclamations

But that's not all! Building Safety Month earned the highest recognition during 2012 from President Barack Obama (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/05/01/presidential-proclamation-national-building-safety-month-2012>) and his declaration of May as National Building Safety Month. You can help expand recognition for 2013 Building Safety Month with an official proclamation from your local, state and national leaders. Download the 2013 Building Safety Month Model Proclamation in Word: http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Documents/2013/BSM_Proclamation.doc and PDF: http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Documents/2013/BSM_Proclamation.pdf.

ICC, NASFM Offer Crowd Manager Training

In the wake of the tragic nightclub fire in Brazil, ICC reminds all its members that the training is available for the joint ICC/NASFM Crowd Manager Public Safety Program. Developed by experts, including state Fire Marshals, this program complies with International Fire Code requirements. Visit the ICC website for details and link to on-line training program: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Education/Pages/crowdmanager.aspx?r=crowdmanager>

Interim Guidance for ICC Members on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding

ICC has been working with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development so code officials and HUD administrators recognize that CDBG funding may be used for building code administration. A joint webinar will be announced soon. Find out more about how you or your jurisdiction can receive federal funding to administer building codes here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/CDBG.aspx>

ICC Codes and Standards Council Application Deadline Is Upon Us!

The Code Council is currently accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the Codes and Standards Council, a single, multidiscipline council established to advise the Board of Directors on codes and standards committees' procedures, practices and other codes and standards related processes. Application deadline is Feb. 11, and the application can be found here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cc/Pages/c-app.aspx>. More information about the Codes and Standards Council can be found here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cc/Pages/calls.aspx>

ICC Board Approves cdp ACCESS Steering Committee's Final Recommendations for Online Code Development

During its winter meeting, the International Code Council Board of Directors approved the cdp ACCESS Steering Committee's final recommendations. The Board authorized staff to proceed with the initiative to increase participation in ICC's core function: Code Development. A flow chart, located here: http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/cdpACCESS/Documents/cdp_ACCESS_FlowChart.pdf has been created to illustrate the new process. Testing of the online Governmental Consensus Vote will occur in October in Atlantic City at the 2013 Public Comment Hearings. After system and process adjustments the 2014 Cycle for the IgCC will be a binding Beta test for the entire cdp ACCESS process.

IECC Training

On February 20, 1 pm Central Standard Time Bill Hudson will conduct a 30 minute "To the Point" webinar on Significant Changes to the IECC, 2012 Edition. The Webinar will highlight the changes between the 2009 and 2012 IECC. There will be a short Q&A session after the presentation.

To register for the webinar, go to: <http://shop.iccsafe.org/education-and-certification/live-schedule/significant-changes-to-the-international-energy-conservation-coder-2012-edition-webinar.html>

Although the webinar is free, you must register in order to view and participate.



Chesterfield County, Virginia

Memorandum

DATE: February 4, 2013
TO: VPMLA Board of Directors
FROM: Richard C. Witt, VPMLA ICC REGION VII REPRESENTATIVE *RW*
SUBJECT: ICC REGION VII REPORT

The regional chapter met on January 24-25, 2013 in Hagerstown, MD. On that first day we discussed some upcoming code changes to be heard in Dallas during the mid-year code change hearings which will now be known as "Committee Hearings".

On the second day, in addition to ordinary region business, we received a presentation on the code development process as impacted by the CDP access recommendation and the new remote participation methodology. In addition, the region was honored to have the entire ICC executive board and other board members present at our meeting providing us with a comprehension report of ICC activities.

I have attached the summary notes of the meeting for your use. Our next meeting will be March 21-23, 2013 in Hagerstown, MD. On the 21st, we will have a significant discussion of code change as it will be held just before the Dallas hearings.

ICC Region VII Notes from meeting January 24-25, 2013

Thursday 1:00 PM

1. Code change support process- discussion of code change proposals and Region VII positions.
 - a. Abatement Code for Dangerous Buildings. This was tabled to get more input from proponent.
 - b. IRC Section 507 deck construction
 - c. IECC changes;
 - i. R401.2, etc
 - ii. N1101, 1102, etc
 - d. IRC R302.2
 - e. PMG CAC Changes discussed
 - f. Monograph out March 11th; any future code changes, get to us before March 21st.
2. Restore the Shore New Jersey wrist band for sale. This is a \$ fund raiser for the Red Cross.
3. Adjourn formal meeting near 3:00 PM; informal meeting begins.

Friday 9:00 AM

1. Call to order: Opening remarks by George Martin; Quorum established 40 members present: (10 Virginians)
 - a. Turned over chair position to Richard Soltis, from New Jersey. Sworn in by all BOD present
 - b. George Martin was given an award for his leadership and special appreciation from all
2. Approval of the minutes of October 4th and 5th meeting.
3. Treasurer's report: Kris Bridges written report submitted; balance \$3359.65
 - a. The board established the line item for discretionary use by the Chairman that would include sympathy flowers.
4. Vote to dedicate \$1000 to NJ for annual conference even planning.
 - a. IF Virginia wants to contribute.....?
5. John Bender with UL honored for his service to ICC Region VII. He retires this week.
6. Committee reports
 - a. Code changes reach consensus yesterday on numerous PMG proposals presented by Virginia.
 - b. Honorary member position referred to bylaws committee
7. Old Business:
 - a. CDP Access report by Mike Pfeiffer. Staff reported the status of the cdp access proposal.
 - b. Kudos given to Region VII by Mike, Ron Piester and Rob Drexler for our code development process.
 - i. This process models Virginia's code development process.
8. New Business
 - a. George Haggerty brought up the issue of assisting jurisdictions after an emergency such as a hurricane. This resulted in an explanation of recovery efforts from recent hurricane.
 - b. Lynn Underwood wrote a letter requesting support for running for the BOD position. Decision on this was tabled since individual jurisdictions had not had an opportunity to vote on this yet.
 - i. Bill Bryant and Rick Witt are working on language for website concerning support of candidates for ICC Board position.
9. ICC BOD Report was given by President Piester, Vice President Jones and Secretary/Treasurer Tomberlin
 - a. High School student sponsorship for building code, etc.
 - b. Annual Conference 9.29-10.3, 2013 in Atlantic City.
 - c. Ft. Lauderdale in 2014, discussions ongoing for 2015-2017 (Philadelphia?).
 - d. Guy appointed to 2023 Vision Committee by President Piester.
 - e. IAS assumed role of International Programs; the move also affects the International Global Membership Council.
 - f. Dallas Hearings 4.21-4.30 in Dallas.
10. ICC Staff Report by Roland Hall.
11. Other new business:
 - a. Next meeting scheduled for March on 21st, 22nd, 2013 in Hagerstown.

**VPMIA Fourth Board of Directors Meeting
Bylaws Committee Report
February 15, 2013**

VPMIA Board Members,

The Bylaws Committee has been working hard to prepare a draft of the Association's revised bylaws for your review. The attached document is the result of three, face to face committee meetings during which each provision was carefully reviewed and discussed. This language was unanimously approved by those present and represents our recommendation for an updated document to better serve the Association's needs, both now and in the future. The draft is not fully complete but it covers Articles I. - V. which provide a solid foundation for the remaining language to be built upon.

Please take time to review the draft and make note of any revisions you feel are necessary. We look forward to discussion during today's meeting but time constraints won't permit a section by section review at this time. Therefore, if you have specific concerns or recommendations please write them down and give them to me before you leave. All recommendations received will be given due consideration at the next committee meeting.

Respectfully,
Paul Rimel
VPMIA
Vice President
Bylaws Committee Chairman



**VBCOA/VPMIA 2013 Session
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
(Updated 2-14-13)**

HB 1436 Status- Failed to report from committee

(No Position) Mechanics' lien' notice; claimant must send to property owner 30 days before filing.

Chief patron: Purkey

Summary as introduced:

Mechanics' lien notice. Provides that any person intending to perfect a mechanics' lien against a one-family or two-family residential dwelling unit must send the mechanics' lien agent designated on the building permit or, if no agent is designated on the permit, the property owner written notice of his intention at least 30 days before filing the memorandum of lien with the clerk of the court. The bill also provides that if no mechanics' lien agent is designated on the building permit, the permit shall contain the name and mailing address of the property owner.

12/20/12 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100661D

12/20/12 House: Committee Referral Pending

Full text:

12/20/12 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100661D pdf

HB 1511 Status- Tabled in committee

(No position, the patron decided to ask for the bill to be laid on the table before we took a position) Assisted living facilities, licensed; access to temporary emergency electrical power source.

Chief patron: Hope

Summary as introduced:

Assisted living facilities; access to temporary emergency electrical power source. Requires the Board of Social Services to include in regulations governing licensed assisted living facilities a requirement that each licensed assisted living facility with six or more residents have a temporary emergency electric power source on site and be able to connect to and utilize such temporary emergency electrical power source for the provision of electricity during an interruption of normal electrical power supply, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents and ensure the continued delivery of vital services for residents.

Full text:

01/03/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101094D pdf

**HB 1574 Status- Passed House with amendment regarding
maintenance. Passed by (Died) in the Senate.**

(No Position) Uniform Statewide Building Code; enforcement by towns.

Chief patron: Minchew

Summary as introduced:

Uniform Statewide Building Code; enforcement by towns. Provides that if any town does not elect to enforce the Uniform Statewide Building Code, then such enforcement shall be the responsibility of the county in which the town is situated. The bill also provides that the enforcement by the county shall be with equal dignity as the county does in unincorporated areas of the county and no agreement between the town and the county shall be required as a prerequisite for the county to perform this obligation. The bill contains technical amendments.

Per Del. Minchew. There are some counties who do not let their building code official work in town where they don't have an additional agreement (payment). He disagrees with this since the town is paying for this service and shouldn't have to pay twice without additional agreements.

Full text:

01/04/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102113D pdf

HB 1589 companion to SB744 Status- Passed House with modified lien holder language. Reported from the Senate committee with amendments.

(Support, provides additional options to the locality and reduces waiting times for publishing notices) Demolition of a derelict nonresidential structure with consent.

Chief patron: Minchew

Summary as introduced:

Demolition of a derelict nonresidential structure with consent. Authorizes a locality to demolish or remove a derelict nonresidential structure and to file a lien against the property for the cost of the demolition or removal. The bill requires the locality to obtain the written consent of the property owner for such demolition or removal and prohibits the use of the authority to remove a building that is located in a local historic district or individually designated as a historic landmark.

Full text:

01/05/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102354D pdf

HB 1645 Status- Passed House and Senate.

(Support, makes tradesmen license term consistent with the building code cycle) Board for Contractors; tradesmen licenses).

Chief patron: Tata

Summary as introduced:

Board for Contractors; tradesmen licenses. Provides that licenses for tradesmen shall expire three years from the date of issuance by the Board for Contractors. This measure is an attempt to sync changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code, which are on a three-year cycle, to the expiration of a tradesman license, which is currently every two years.

Full text:

01/07/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100042D pdf

HB 1722 Status- Tabled in committee.

(Oppose, this would be difficult to comply with as it refers to all steps, permits and processes to obtained permits must be documented) Facilities; assistance and documentation to person seeking business license, etc.

Chief patron: Head

Summary as introduced:

Assistance and documentation required from localities. Provides that in any instance in which a person is seeking a business permit, a license, or an application for any similar local government approval from a locality, the locality shall provide documentation and instructions that outline all steps necessary to obtain the permit, license or approval. The locality shall also specify any further permit, license or other approval that may be required to complete the original project or business activity and shall disclose the expected time required by the locality for the completion of each step of the process to obtain the license, permit or other approval.

Full text:

01/08/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13103566D pdf

HB 1744 Status- Passed House with minor amendments and passed Senate.

(No Position) Grass cutting; written notice to property owners for purposes of nuisance abatement.

Chief patron: BaCote

Summary as introduced:

Cutting of grass; nuisance abatement. Provides that one notice per incident or per growing season shall constitute reasonable notice to property owners for purposes of nuisance abatement.

Full text:

01/08/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101920D pdf

HB 1802 Status- Passed House and Senate.

(No Position, will state that we see no issues with the bill if asked) Board for Contractors; creation of residential and commercial contractor license categories.

Chief patron: D Marshall

Summary as introduced:

Board for Contractors; creation of residential and commercial contractor license categories. Authorizes the Board for Contractors to establish separate license categories for residential and commercial contractors for each of the current licensing categories: Class A, B, and C contractor licenses.

This was one of the suggestions that was made at the Recovery Fund Workshop that would keep the contractors that exclusively do commercial building from having to pay into the Recovery Fund, since their customers do not have access to the Fund. Additionally, there is a trend in other states to separate the commercial contractors from the residential contractors from a licensing standpoint, to the point that one national organization has actually worked with a major exam vendor to develop a commercial contracting exam that is being given in a few states.

Full text:

01/08/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101298D pdf

HB 1913 Status- Passed House and Senate with amendments.

(No Position) Mechanics' liens; licensed contractors.

Chief patron: Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Mechanics' liens; licensed contractors. Provides that a person who is not a licensed contractor may not claim a mechanic's lien if a valid contractor's license or certificate was required by law for the labor performed or materials furnished. The bill also requires that a person include on the memorandum for a mechanic's lien his license or certificate number and the dates such license or certificate was issued and will expire or certify that a license or certificate was not required by law for the labor performed or materials furnished.

Full text:

01/08/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100436D pdf

HB 1916 Status- Tabled in Committee.

(No Position) Solar thermal system tax credit.

Chief patron: Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Solar thermal system tax credit. Establishes beginning in 2013 an individual and corporate income tax credit for solar energy space heating, water heating, space cooling, and industrial and commercial process heating systems placed in service. The credit would equal 35 percent of the installed cost of the system and only the ultimate consumer or user of the system would be allowed to claim the credit. The credit would not exceed (i) \$500,000 for solar energy systems placed in service for any purpose other than use for a single-family dwelling or placed in service and having in excess of 120 square feet of collector area or (ii) \$2,500 for every other solar energy system placed in service.

The credit would be required to be claimed in three equal annual installments for solar energy systems serving other than a single-family dwelling. The credit would expire and no further credit could be claimed if the solar energy system is disposed of, taken out of service, or moved out of the Commonwealth during any of the installment years. Any unused credit could be carried forward for three taxable years. The credit would sunset in 2018.

Full text:

01/08/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102096D pdf

HB 1960 and HB 1969 Status- HB 1960 Passed House and Senate, HB 1969 Stricken.

(No Position) Board for Contractors; necessity for license, commissioning of public works of art.

Chief patron: James

Summary as introduced:

Board for Contractors; necessity for license; commissioning of public works of art. Allows a person to bid upon or undertake public works of art commissioned by the Commonwealth; a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, including any county, city, or town; or a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code without being licensed or certified as contractor. The bill provides, however, that the installation of the artwork and related construction services offered or rendered in connection with such commission shall only be rendered by a contractor licensed or certified by the Board for Contractors.

Full text:

01/09/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101927D pdf

HB 2140 companion to SB822 Status- Tabled in committee, note SB822 passed Senate Committee and died in House committee.

(No Position) Statewide Fire Prevention Code; fees charged by State Fire Marshal.

Chief patron: Morefield

Summary as introduced:

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; fees. Changes approval authority over fees that may be charged by the State Fire Marshal to recover enforcement costs from the Board of Housing and Community Development to the Virginia Fire Services Board.

Full text:

01/09/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102695D pdf

HB 2201 Status- Tabled in committee.

(No Position, this is not a building code change it is directed at the school statutes) Public school buildings; carbon monoxide detectors.

Chief patron: Filler-Corn

Summary as introduced:

Public school buildings; carbon monoxide detectors. Directs the Board of Education to include in its regulations a provision requiring that all new construction of, additions to, and alterations of public school buildings include the installation of at least one carbon monoxide detector.

Note: Per Emory Rodgers DHCD will look into this at the regulatory level as a courtesy to the patron.

Full text:

01/10/13 House: Presented and ordered printed 13102886D pdf

SB 744 companion to HB1589 Status- Passed Senate as amended regarding lien holder language. Passed the House with further amendments.

(Support, provides additional options to the locality and reduces waiting times for publishing notices) Derelict nonresidential structure; demolition by locality.

Chief patron: Black

Summary as introduced:

Demolition of a derelict nonresidential structure with consent. Authorizes a locality to demolish or remove a derelict nonresidential structure and to file a lien against the property for the cost of the demolition or removal. The bill requires the locality to obtain the written consent of the property owner for such demolition or removal and prohibits the use of the authority to remove a building that is located in a local historic district or individually designated as a historic landmark.

The benefit of this bill is that it allows for demolition to proceed ahead of the mandatory waiting period imposed for publishing the notice in the paper + the costs required to publish the ads. This shaves at 45-60 days off the process to eliminate unsafe structures.

Full text:

12/13/12 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101612D pdf

SB 822 companion Bill to HB 2140 Status- Reported second try, house version tabled. Passed the Senate and was passed by (died) in the house committee.

(No Position) Statewide Fire Prevention Code; fees charged by State Fire Marshal.

Chief patron: Puckett

Summary as introduced:

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; fees. Changes approval authority over fees that may be charged by the State Fire Marshal to recover enforcement costs from the Board of Housing and Community Development to the Virginia Fire Services Board.

12/27/12 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102633D

12/27/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Full text:

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SB 841 **Status- Passed the Senate and House with amendments.**

(Support, Chip Dicks asked for our input on this bill. It clarifies that apartment owners can set a more restrictive occupancy standard than is required by code) Uniform Statewide Building Code; establishment of occupancy standards for residential dwelling unit.

Chief patron: Locke

Summary as introduced:

Uniform Statewide Building Code; establishment of occupancy standards for residential dwelling units by owners or managing agents. Authorizes an owner or managing agent of a residential dwelling unit to develop and implement reasonable occupancy standards restricting the maximum number of occupants permitted to occupy the dwelling unit, provided such standards comply with the federal standards established under federal laws and regulations. The bill also authorizes an owner or managing agent to restrict the number of occupants in a dwelling unit to two persons per bedroom and clarifies that such restriction will not be enforceable under the provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Full text:

01/02/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102321D pdf

SB 894 **Status- Passed Senate with amendment regarding copying notice to owner. Passed House committee.**

(No Position, will state that we see no issues with the bill if asked) Uniform Statewide Building Code; who may be cited for violations.

Chief patron: Petersen

Summary as introduced:

Uniform Statewide Building Code; who may be cited for violations. Clarifies that a local enforcement officer may issue a summons or a ticket to the owner, lessor, or sublessor of a residential dwelling unit for violation of any Building Code provision. SB 894 was approved on 14th and moves onto House. COV 36-105 E adds new section on tickets and summons. In C summons and tickets allowed for civil penalties. It was explained this is needed because lessor, sublessor are not in current language. It was explained this is also for things like trash outside, junk cars, and other non-USBC VMC items. If the county wants to deal with these non-USBC things, then this bill will not work for you. Might want to have someone at House sub-committee in a few weeks to explain? No one objected to the bill so that is good thing.

Full text:

01/04/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100545D pdf

SB 910 **Status- Stricken by patron**

(Bill was stricken by patron before we developed position) Statewide Fire Prevention Code; permissible fireworks.

Chief patron: Garrett

Summary as introduced:

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; permissible fireworks. Redefines what constitutes permissible fireworks in Virginia, also known as consumer fireworks, to be ground or hand-held sparkling devices as defined in §§ 3.1.1, 3.2, and 3.5 of the 2001 Edition of the American Pyrotechnic Association's Standard for Construction and Approval for Transportation of Fireworks, Novelties, and Theatrical Pyrotechnics.

Full text:

01/07/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100714D pdf

SB 961 Status- Stricken by patron

(Initial opposition, Bill was stricken by patron before we developed a formal position)

Board of Housing and Community Development; Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

Chief patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Board of Housing and Community Development; Statewide Fire Prevention Code; annual operational permits for certain open burning. Provides for the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations to allow food vendors servicing community events to obtain an annual operational permit for open burning when the permit is limited to community events and the open flame that the vendor uses at such events is limited to flammable hydrocarbon jelly packaged in a small can for use as a portable heat source for cooking.

Full text:

01/08/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101986D pdf

SB 1239 Status- Failed to report from committee.

(No Position, Companion to HB1574) Uniform Statewide Building Code; enforcement by towns.

Chief patron: Herring

Summary as introduced:

Uniform Statewide Building Code; enforcement by towns. Provides that if any town does not elect to enforce the Uniform Statewide Building Code, then such enforcement shall be the responsibility of the county in which the town is situated. The bill also provides that the enforcement by the county shall be with equal dignity as the county does in unincorporated areas of the county and no agreement between the town and the county shall be required as a prerequisite for the county to perform this obligation. The bill contains technical amendments.

Full text:

01/09/13 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 13102035D pdf

SB 1286 Status- Failed to report from committee.

(No Position) Solar energy equipment facilities and devices; exempted from state and local taxation.

Chief patron: Deeds

Summary as introduced:

Taxation of solar energy equipment. Exempts solar energy equipment facilities and devices from state and local taxation.

Full text:

01/15/13 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 13103496D pdf | impact statement