



State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council Meeting – January 15, 2015

Format for Discussion of Uniform Code and Energy Code Technical Issues (Agenda items #5 & 6)

Prior to Code Council Meeting Date

Department of State will post the Meeting Agenda on the DBSC website, and send the Meeting Agenda out in a *Building New York* e-bulletin. The Meeting Agenda will:

- Identify the technical issues on which the Code Council will accept public comments during the 1/15/15 meeting;
- Identify the unmodified requirement of the 2015 I-Codes relative to each technical issue;
- State that any person wishing to speak on any of the technical issues must contact Mark Blanke prior to 12:00 pm on 1/14/15, identify the technical issue(s) he or she would like to address, and identify whether he or she supports the unmodified language of the 2015 I-Code or proposes a modification on each technical issue he or she would like to address; and
- Encourage speakers to submit their comments in writing, stating that the Chair may need to limit the number of speakers based on time availability.

Code Council Meeting Date

- A list of speakers on each technical issue will be available for review prior to the start of the meeting.
- The Chair introduces Agenda item #5
 - For each technical issue under Agenda item #5:
 - Chair announces the technical issue
 - Code Development Staff announces unmodified requirement of 2015 International Code relative to the technical issue
 - Chair introduces speakers and their respective positions (supports unmodified I-Code or supports a modification)
 - Speaker identifies himself/herself and his/her or affiliation
 - Speaker allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to comment
 - When all speakers have commented, the Code Council may ask questions of speakers
 - At the conclusion of Code Council questions, Chair announces next technical issue
- The Chair introduces Agenda item #6
 - For each technical issue under Agenda item #6, repeat process outlined above



Agenda Item #5 – Technical Issues

- Plumbing Fixture Maximum Flow Rate (Water Sense)
 - 2015 International Plumbing Code does not limit the maximum water flow rates for all plumbing fixtures to USEPA’s Water Sense efficiency standards.
- Sawn Lumber – Grading Practices and Identification
 - 2015 International Residential Code requires all structural sawn lumber to be identified by a grade mark of a lumber grading or inspection agency.
- Accessible Dwelling Units – Type A vs Type B
 - 2015 International Building Code requires 2% of all dwelling units or sleeping units to be of a Type A design where there are more than 20 dwelling units or sleeping units in apartment houses, monasteries or convents and requires every unit to be of a Type B design where there are 4 or more dwelling units or sleeping units in apartment houses, monasteries or convents.
- Gas Station – Fire Suppression
 - 2015 International Fire Code does not require fire suppression systems at new gas stations.
- Residential Sprinkler Systems
 - 2015 International Residential Code requires that an automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses.

Agenda Item #6 – Technical Issues

- Detached One- and Two-Family Dwellings or Townhouses – Air Leakage Test
 - 2015 International Residential Code requires the building or dwelling unit to be tested or verified as having an air leakage rate not exceeding 3 air changes per hour.
- Residential Groups (R1, R2, R3, R4) – Air Leakage and Sampling Protocol
 - 2015 International Energy Conservation Code requires the building or dwelling unit to be tested and verified as having an air leakage rate not exceeding 3 air changes per hour.