

**LLR – SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL**

**South Carolina, Kingstree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

**11:00 am**

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Delisa Clark, Council Chairman, announced that notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Building Codes Council Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**1. Welcome and Call to Order:**

Delisa Clark, Council Chairman, called the special meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Other Council members present for the meeting included: Mike Lowman; Other Council members present by phone conference included: Alan Campbell, Bennett Griffin, Curtis Rye, David Blackwell, Darbis Briggman, Doug Terrell, Melissa Hopkins, and Michael Richardson.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Stacey Hewson Advice Counsel; Roger Lowe, Administrator; Teresa Martin, Program Coordinator; and Maggie Castles, Program Coordinator.

Michelle Manni, Court Reporter.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

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**MOTION:**

Mr. Rye made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 28, 2019, meeting with the correction of the IBC section to 903.2.1.2. Ms. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**3. Proposed change to the modification of the 2018 IBC 903.2.1.2 and the 2018 IFC 903.2.1.2:**

State Representative William Chumley of Greenville and Spartanburg has requested a change to the language to increase the maximum occupancy to 200 in lieu of the 150 in the current modification. The proposed modification would read:

*IBC & IFC Section 903.2.1.2 Group A-2.*

*The following exception is added to the section as follows:*

*Exception: A structure where an agritourism activity, as defined by South Carolina Code Section 469-53-10, intended for food or drink consumption, with a fire area occupant load of more than 99 but less than 200, with an automatic fire and smoke detection system that must be installed in accordance with Section 907 in the NFPA 72. Fire area occupant load of 200 or more requires that an automatic fire sprinkler system be installed.*

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Patrick Brown, Building Official for the Town of Edisto and President of the BOASC stated that he was opposed to the A3 Occupancy, he explained that A2 means food and beverage and A3 means no food and beverage. He suggested to remove the modification and add agritourism to A3 with no working kitchen.

Shawn Brashear, Building Official for the County of Florence supports moving agritourism to A3.

Ruthie Helms, Building Official for City of Greer supports moving agritourism to A3.

Chris Stover, Fire Marshal for the City of Greenville suggested that agritourism barns are used primarily for weddings, which could be classified as a religious ceremony.

David Blackwell did not agree with the Study Committees motion.

Darbis Briggman, Building Official for the City of North Charleston agreed with Mr. Blackwell.

**MOTION:**

Ms. Hopkins made a motion to remove the existing Modification for IBC 903.2.1.2 and IFC 903.2.1.2 and add agritourism structures that are involved in agritourism activities without commercial kitchens as defined in code section 46-53-10. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**4. Adjournment:**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Lowman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rye seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.