

**SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE, ROOM 108
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
May 28, 2008
10:30 AM – 11:55 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gregory P. Parsons, Vice Chair
Ernest F. Dorsey
Lloyd Schumann
Richard Sendler
Frank Hill
William McDowell
Gable D. Stubbs
Van M. McAlister
Thomas E. Brock
Chris Cullum

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Hodge, Chair
John White
James A. Ham, Jr

STAFF PRESENT

Gary Wiggins
Jennie Meade
Sheridon Spoon
Roz Bailey-Glover
Angela D. Scott

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian K. Pietras
Billy Sawyer
Ron Galloway
Ward Braswell
John Wasson, Jr.
James Whittaker
Anthony Rivera
Darbis Briggman
Shawn Brashear

Mark Dillard
Buddy Skinner
Michael Lowmen
Wesley Ray
Leslie R. Zielke
Douglas M. Smits
Mark Nix
Wanda Edwards
Brice Isgett

Allen Hutto
Bob Klein
Michelle Hawkins
Ronald L. Brewer
Robert Harkins
Steve Landrith
Earl McLeod
Mark Furtrel

NOTE! The Notice and Agenda for the May 28, 2008, meeting of the South Carolina Building Codes Council were posted in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as Amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Call to Order:

The May 28, 2008, meeting of the S.C. Building Codes Council was called to order at 10:30 AM by Vice-Chairman Parsons.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Vice-Chairman Parsons asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Dorsey moved to accept the agenda as submitted, Mr. McDowell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

3. Approval / Disapproval of Absent Members:

Vice-Chairman Parsons asked staff for an accounting of absent members. Staff reported that Mr. Frank Hodge and Mr. John White would not be attending due to previously scheduled meetings and Mr. James Ham had an emergency. Mr. Sendler moved to excuse the absent members. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Vice-Chairman Parsons asked for any additions or corrections to the February 27, 2007, meeting minutes as presented. There being none, Mr. McAlister motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. McDowell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

5. Old Business:

A. Report from the Study Committee on Provisional Registrations:

Vice-Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Dorsey. Mr. Dorsey explained that at the last council meeting, a committee was appointed to study a request to broaden the limits of the provisional

registration classification to include current and previously registered individuals. Mr. Dorsey went on to say, after review of the statute and regulations governing provisional registration, it was determined that both must be amended to accommodate the request. He stated that the statute must be amended to authorize broadening the classification, followed by an amendment to the regulations to provide the administrative and related language. Mr. Dorsey said the committee, therefore, addressed the first step by offering the following proposed language for the statutory amendment:

Section 6-8-30 (As proposed by the committee)

(B) Upon initial employment by a ~~political subdivision~~ municipality or county, an individual must be granted a provisional certificate of registration without examination, which is valid for the time period ~~stipulated~~ authorized by regulation for each registration classification from the date of issuance. A current or previously registered individual holding all certifications required for the registration classification for which the person was hired, may be granted a provisional certificate of registration for a different classification.

After further discussion, Mr. Stubbs made a motion, to accept the revision of §6-8-30 as presented. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

B. Seismic Zone E Maps:

Vice-Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Gary Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins explained that at the last council meeting, staff presented the four counties that were going to be affected by the E-Zone and showed where the lines for the E-Zones would be located. He said at that time, Council requested to hold the item until the next meeting. He said during that period, staff had time to work on all the other seismic changes that were going to be initiated by the 2006 IRC. Mr. Wiggins stated that the changes would involve the following counties: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chester, Clarendon, Colleton, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Sumter and Williamsburg. He went on to say in accordance with the statute, Council must determine where the wind and seismic lines are located based on geographic elements. Mr. Wiggins then said that staff prepared maps for all the affected jurisdictions based on information taken from the USGS maps (the same maps used in the IRC) and was offering them for review and approval.

The Council reviewed all of the affected county maps. After review, Mr. Stubbs motioned to approve the maps as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiggins stated that the new maps go into effect when 2006 IRC is implemented.

6. New Business:

Vice-Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins reminded everyone of the Building Code Council Hearing to be held on June 16, 2008, for Mr. Ronald Hickman.

Mr. Dorsey stated that he would not be at the meeting and asked if he could offer his vote by proxy. Mr. Sheridan Spoon, Advice Council, stated that a proxy could not be offered for a hearing.

Mr. Sandler asked what constituted a quorum. Mr. Spoon answered; a majority of the current members serving on Council.

7. Public Comments:

Vice-Chairman Parsons opened the floor for public comments.

A. Mr. Darbis Briggman – Vice-Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Darbis Briggman, Building Official for the City of North Charleston. Mr. Briggman asked if Council or staff had any information regarding the implementation of the 2006 IRC; and could a Building Official accept plans designed under the 2006 IRC?

Mr. Wiggins stated if the issue is not vetoed, the implementation date will be July 1, 2009. He went on to say, if the July 1, 2009 date holds, a local building official may accept, but could not require plans designed to the 2006 IRC.

B. Adoption of the 2008 National Electrical Code – Vice-Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Wesley Ray of Duke Energy. Mr. Ray stated that he would like to address a proposed change in the 2008 NEC Article 90.2 (B) (5) (B).

Vice-Chairman Parsons stated that he certainly did not want to restrain Mr. Ray from making comments, but pointed out that Council must follow specific procedures for the code amendment process. He stated that all comments must be submitted to staff for compilation and presentation to the Code Study Committee.

Mr. Wiggins stated that by statute, Council is required to give a six month comment period, which will not expire until September 1, 2008. He said following the six month comment period there will be a six month period in which staff compiles the comments and submits them to the Code Study Committee. He said individuals that submitted comments will be notified of a hearing date before the Code Study Committee in which testimony may be given. Mr. Wiggins said if the Code Study Committee submits a recommendation that is not favorable to the proponents, they have the right to restate their position before the full Council. He further explained that all comments can be given to him.

C. 2003 IRC/IBC – Vice-Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Brian K. Pietras, Chair of the Code Advisory Committee for the Structural Engineers Association of South Carolina. Mr. Pietras stated that there are certain sections in the 2003 IRC that reference the IBC. He then asked which edition (2003 or 2006) of the IBC is to be used in conjunction with those references.

Vice-Chairman Parsons stated that it would be up to the local building official to make that interpretation.

Mr. Sendler stated that he would think the 2003 IBC would stay in place.

Vice-Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Doug Smits, Building Official for the Town of Moncks Corner. Mr. Smits stated that he did not recall any reference in the 2003 IRC that would cause an issue if the reference went to the 2006 IBC.

D. Adoption of Appendixes - Vice-Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Bob Klein, Building Official for the City of Hardeeville. Mr. Klein asked whether the appendixes will be adopted on July 1, 2008.

Mr. Wiggins explained that the appendixes could be adopted but they have to be done on the front end of the code adoption process. He said the next time the appendixes will be reviewed for adoption purposes will be during the 2009 code adoption process.

Mr. Sendler asked if the appendixes could be adopted based on a physiological or climatological reason.

Mr. Wiggins said an appeal for adoption could be made to the Council as a local modification.

Mr. Smits asked if a jurisdiction adopted an appendix prior to the implementation date for a new code series, could that appendix be used after the new codes are implemented.

Mr. Wiggins stated the appendixes are used with the codes in which they are published; once the codes are no longer applicable the appendixes are not longer applicable.

8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

Date of Last Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2008

9. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 11:55 a.m.