

2018 IBC Task Force Third Meeting Minutes 2/1/2018

MEETING BEGINS 10:00 Am

WELCOME

- Ted Miltiades, DCA Director of Codes and Research welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room of task force members, DCA staff, interested parties and guests.
- Ted then turned the meeting over to Task Force Chairman Gregori Anderson.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Mr. Anderson stated the task force was making very good progress with its review. Depending on the outcome of this meeting, it looks like just one more meeting may be necessary for housekeeping purposes in order to finalize everything and complete the task force's charge.
- The minutes from the second meeting on January 11, 2018 were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Mark Schroeder (first) and John Hutton (second). Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS TO BE REVISTED

Several items were revisited which were delayed for further discussion at the last meeting:

- **Table 504.4 Allowable Number of Stories Above Grade Plane.** Table 503 Allowable building heights and areas in the 2012 IBC was split into 3 new tables in the 2018 IBC. After discussion, the task force agreed to modify Table 504.3 to comply with the current State Fire Marshal (SFM) rules and the Department of Community Health regulations. This would include adding a new footnote J which requires all assisted living occupancies to have automatic sprinkler systems. A motion was made by Dee Leclair (first) and Mark Schroeder (second) to make the proposed changes. The motion passed. The SFM will provide DCA staff with the necessary changes for Table 504.3 as well as, the required wording for new footnotes I and J. **(Revisit at next meeting)**
- **Section 713.14.1 Designated Floors for Elevator Return.** The SFM explained the reason why this amendment may be confusing was because it only applies to "designated" floors for elevator return. The SFM recommended carrying forward the previous amendment and possibly deleting exceptions 5, 6 and 7. He also suggested adding the word "designated" in front of "elevator lobbies" for clarification purposes. Motion was made by Bill Chambless (first) and Dee Leclair (second) to carry forward the amendment with proposed changes as discussed. The motion passed. The SFM requested time to review the amendment more closely with their elevator folks. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting. **(Revisit at next meeting)**
- **Section 1203.2 Attic spaces.** These provisions are covered by the 2018 IBC. It was recommended to carry forward 2014 GA amendment with changing the section number from 1203.2 to 1202.2.1. But, there was some concern if the spray foam provisions were adequately covered in the 2018 IBC. Further action was tabled until the next meeting. **(Revisit at next meeting)**
- **Table 1203.2 Insulation for Condensation Control.** This table is covered in the 2018 IBC. Recommendation was not to carry forward the previous 2014 GA amendments regarding spray foam on attic rafters. Further action was deferred to the next meeting. **(Revisit at next meeting)**
- **Section 1203.3 Under-floor ventilation.** These provisions are covered by the 2018 IBC. However, the amendment language was different than the code. Additional time was requested to review this section carefully. Further action was deferred to the next meeting. **(Revisit at next meeting)**
- **Section 1810.3.1.5 Helical piles.** Andrew Carter, proponent, made a brief presentation on the changes he submitted for the original amendment language. After further discussion, motion was made by Bill Chambless (first) and John Hutton (second) to disapprove. Motion was passed.

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- **Chapter 34 Existing Buildings** of the 2012 IBC was deleted in the 2018 IBC in lieu of referencing the *International Existing Building Code* (IEBC) instead. By Georgia law, the IEBC is a permissive or optional State Minimum Standard Code. However, the IEBC provisions are not mandatory or applicable unless the IEBC is specifically adopted by a local government ordinance. A DCA GOMI research survey found that 30% of local jurisdictions currently enforce the IEBC in Georgia. This means 70% rely on Chapter 34 in the 2012 for the enforcement of existing buildings. Hence, a motion was made by Dee Leclair (first) and Mark Schroeder (second) to carry forward all the provisions of Chapter 34 of the 2012 IBC into the 2018 IBC Chapter 34. It was also recommended scoping language be added to the *preface* to address any references to the IEBC in the 2018 IBC. The motion passed. DCA staff was asked to draft the scoping language. (Revisit at next meeting)
- **Section 3401.7 Existing buildings or structures.** The existing amendment provides necessary guidance for building officials, building designers and contractors to determine when existing building systems must be brought up to meet code. Motion was made by John Hutton (first) and Dee Leclair (second) to carry forward the amendment as written. Motion was passed.
- **Chapter 35 Referenced Standards.** Dwayne Garriss, SFM reported that two reference standards which are referenced in the elevator amendments should be added to Chapter 35. Mr. Garriss will provide staff with information on the correct reference standards. (Revisit at next meeting)

CHAPTER REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS

- **Appendices A through N.** All of the appendices were reviewed with no changes recommended. Motion by Dee Leclair (first) and John Hutton (second) to accept as written. Motion was passed.
- **Appendix O Disaster Resilient Construction:** Motion by Dee Leclair (first) and John Hutton (second) to add a new Appendix O 'Disaster Resilient Construction' and carry forward the provisions of Appendix N of the 2013 GA Amendments and also add: *The Department of Community Affairs hereby adopts Appendix O 'Disaster Resilient Construction' as optional. This document can be downloaded at <https://dca.ga.gov/local-government-assistance/construction-codes-industrialized-buildings/construction-codes>. Motion was passed. (Revisit at next meeting)

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

- Chairman Anderson stated the task force has completed the review of all the new code chapters and appendices and all exiting amendments to carry forward. However, the task force needs to have one more meeting for housekeeping purposes to revisit certain items again and to wrap everything up before the final report to the State Codes Advisory Committee on February 28.
- The next task force meeting will be held on March 11, 2018 at 10:00 Am in DCA Room 302.
- Lunch was provided for task force members and DCA staff.

ADJOURN – 12:30 Am

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregori Anderson, Chairman, Bill Chambless, Vice Chairman, Daniel Baiamonte, Mark Schroeder, Dee Leclair and John Hutton.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael McGwier.

DCA STAFF: Ted Miltiades, Bill Towson, Matt McConnell, Soli Nicolson and Kadedra Caldwell

INTERESTED PARTIES: Josh Roth, BOAG, Paul Coats, American Wood Council; Brian Holland, NEMA; Dane Richards, UGA; Dwayne Garriss, State Fire Marshal; Andrew Carter, Cantsink Manufacturing.

End of Minutes.