

# INDIANA FIRE CODE UPDATE COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting Details

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**Date:** February 14, 2024

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** Government Center South, Conference Room 1 & 2

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1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:02pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Mr. Holman and Mr. Frost not present at beginning of meeting. Quorum met. Mr. Frost joined electronically at 1:40pm.

### 3. Review Code Change Proposals

Discussion was had about scope of work and potential changes to definitions that would still need to be presented for Chapters 1 and 2. Ms. Kent wishes the Committee to review Chapter 1 against Statute and Administrative rules.

- a. **193 – Definitions – Fire Apparatus Access Road** – Expands the definition of fire apparatus access road to allow for a wider definition of emergency vehicles. Solves problems related to emergency vehicle access on certain roads like gated communities. Discussion was had about whether the amendment was necessary, given that presumably those vehicles are already allowed on the roads. Further discussion was had about whether there would be a fiscal impact, since chapter 5 would likewise need to be amended when addressing how such roads would be constructed. Noted that amendment is a carryover from prior amendment, so no fiscal impact. Discussion continued as to whether the current definition already addresses the concerns of the amendment.

**Motion:** Table until such time as Chapter 5 is discussed and additional information can be gathered to address concerns presented above.

Name	Vote	
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- b. **194 – Definitions – Townhouse** – Committee moved to approve without further discussion to mirror the building code amendment.

**Motion:** Approve

Name	Vote	
Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wakefield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- c. **195 – Definitions – Townhouse Unit** – Committee moved to approve without further discussion to mirror the building code amendment.

**Motion:** Approve

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Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorgol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CM Cook asked to what extent the fire code is a maintenance code versus a new installation code, given that there seems to be some confusion about whether it applies to buildings before 1986 given the previous sunset language and how far back the current fire code can reach back to make buildings safer.

CM Kent notes that work needs to be broken up and would like a way to share information between meetings. Mr. Dyer and Mr. Burgauer expressed concern that such an action outside of an official meeting might run afoul of the Open Door Law, but agreed to look into options.

CM Kent suggests that some division of labor is necessary in order to alleviate the workload on individual CMs. Discussion was had as to what the division of labor would look like. Committee Chairman (“CC”) Murua agreed to look through definitions as compared to statutes. CM Wakefield volunteered to look through statutory changes that would affect definitions. MC Kent offered to review GAR. CC Murua agreed to look through written interpretations and nonruled policies.

4. **Proposed Schedule for Next Meeting** – Chapter 1 and 2 continued. Chapter 3 and 4.
5. **Other Committee Business** – No other committee business was discussed.
6. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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**7. Closing Comments and Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:31pm.**