



**MINUTES OF February 2, 2017
Building and Standards Meeting**

The Building and Standards Board of the City of Coppell met in a Regular Session on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room, 255 E Parkway Blvd, Coppell, Texas. The following members were present:

Mark LeGros, Chairperson
Laura Ketchum, Vice Chairperson
Charles Sangerhausen, Commissioner
Laura Hynson, Alternate Commissioner
Jim Adams, Alternate Commissioner
Rob Balachandran, Alternate Commissioner

Also present were Chief Building Official Suzanne Arnold, Alexis Allen City Attorney, Tim Oates Deputy Fire Chief/Prevention, Matt Steer Senior Planner, Mindi Hurley Director of Community Development, and Permit Technician Desiree Hall.

Item 1: Call to Order

Chairperson LeGros calls the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Item 2: Approve the Minutes of the April 2, 2015 Building and Standard Meeting

Action:

Motion by Commissioner Ketchum, seconded by Commissioner Hynson to approve the minutes for April 2, 2015. **AYE:** LeGros, Ketchum, Sangerhausen, Hynson, Adams, and Balachandran. **NAY:** None. **The motion passed 6-0.**

Item 3: Public Hearing to consider recommending the adoption of the 2015 editions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Existing Building Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Fire Code, and the Sound Transmission and Attenuation Standards (Appendix K of the Residential Code).

Suzanne Arnold, Chief Building Official, presented to the Board the history and purpose of building codes, the different organizations such as The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), The Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC) that recommend these codes, as well as the significant changes from the 2012 codes to the 2015. She also made note of some of the surrounding cities that have already adopted the 2015 Building Codes such as Irving, Plano, Frisco, and Highland Park. The codes Suzanne presented to the Board that are to be adopted are as follows:

2015 International Building Code
2015 International Residential Code
2015 International Existing Building Code
2015 International Energy Conservation Code
2015 International Property Maintenance Code
2015 International Mechanical Code
2015 International Plumbing Code
2015 International Fuel Gas Code

Tim Oates, Deputy Fire Chief/Prevention, presented the 2015 International Fire Code. He also gave the history and purpose of the codes and a few examples of how they came about from tragic mishaps. He summarized the Fire Codes that had been changed/updated. Chief Oates noted that there were no significant changes in local amendments.

Matt Steer, Senior Planner, presented the 2015 International Residential Code, Appendix K, Sound Transmission and Attenuation Standards. He noted that at a City Council meeting in February 2016 Staff presented the findings from research on noise attenuation. At that meeting, Staff was advised to draft prescriptive standards for achieving noise attenuation of 25 dB NLR. On May 10, 2016 Council asked Staff to hire an acoustical consultant to review the draft ordinance. Matt then presented a map and chart with those findings.

In conclusion Suzanne Arnold stated Building Codes are an essential element to building strong, safe and lasting communities. These codes and proposed amendments are the product of research, experience, and deliberation on local, regional, state, national, and international levels. Staff believes that adopting these codes is essential to meet the goals of the City of Coppell. It is staff's recommendation to adopt the 2015 International Codes with these amendments.

Action:

Motion by Vice Chairperson Ketchum, second by Commissioner Adams to adopt the 2015 International Building Codes as listed. **AYE:** LeGros, Ketchum, Sangerhausen, Hynson, Adams, and Balachandran. **NAY:** None. **The motion carried 6-0**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Mark LeGros, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Desiree Hall, Permit Technician