



VIRGINIA BUILDING & CODE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

VBCOA REGION VII

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY September 18th AT 10:00 am

Location: Cooks Corner Office Complex, 2893 General Puller Hwy, Saluda VA 23149

10:00 am CALL TO ORDER

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **APPROVAL OF July MINUTES: REVIEW AT VBCOA.ORG**
(Minutes are posted on VBCOA site in the forum section)

- **PRESENTATION:**

- none

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Update given by Annie Payne regarding Gloucester County HSTTP
Travis Luter from DHCD was present and provided an update from the State Building Codes office.
Discussion was held regarding committee reporting was held.

- **OLD BUSINESS: None**

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- VBCOA Annual Conference
- VBCOA Region VII By-laws
A copy of newly revised-proposed changes to the By-laws will be distributed for review and approval. A method to conduct online voting was discussed.
- The September CCT event scheduled to be held in Gloucester County has been cancelled.
- Region VII elections were held, the following persons will fill these positions: Richard Gordan=Chair; Paul Messplay=Co-Chair; Jamie Wilks=Secretary; Davis Selph=Treasurer.
- Committee appointments to be conducted during the December Luncheon Meeting; anyone wishing to serve on a committee please contact one of the newly appointed officers.

- **GENERAL DISCUSSION:** the following topics were discussed:

USBC section 118; unsafe structures

Proposed code changes to the 2018 USBC were discussed (mandatory sprinklers; tiny houses; whole house blower door testing; energy eff. labeling; certificate of installation for manufactured homes.

All members are requested to log into cdpVA to review numerous code change proposals.

Permitting requirements-exemptions regarding cell tower antennas.

- **Next Region VII meeting 10:00 am September 18th, 2019 at the Middlesex County Cook's Corner Office Complex**

1130 am ADJOURNMENT

A copy of the sign in-attendance sheet and an update from DHCD is attached.

HOST: none



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Monthly Meeting Sign In Sheet

Month: Sep Year: 2019

| Name | Jurisdiction | Email |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
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DHCD Report (Updated 9-13-2019)

- At their March 18, 2019 meeting, the Board of Housing and Community Development adopted emergency cooling regulations within the Virginia Maintenance Code. The Governor has approved the emergency regulations and the change is effective immediately. The relevant code provision is enforceable May 15.
 - The emergency regulations alter Chapter 6 of the Virginia Maintenance Code, Section 602.4 Cooling supply, to lower from 80 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit, the maximum allowed temperature, where cooling is provided, in R-2 multifamily residences (the Virginia Administrative Code reference is 13VAC5-63-540 B 5). This provision is enforceable from May 15 until October 1.
 - The emergency regulations are effective for an initial period of 18 months. During this time, the Board of Housing and Community Development will work with stakeholders to solicit input and develop permanent regulations regarding this issue. Please contact the State Building Codes Office at sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov if you have any questions.
- The DHCD website has a new look and everything related to building fire regulations/code academy information can be found when clicking on “CODES”.
- Thomas King joined the State Building Codes Office as a Code & Regulation Specialist in June, transferring from the Division of Operations within DHCD. Thomas is a US Navy veteran and brings with him valuable leadership, problem solving and training development and delivery skills. He will be working in code development and assisting with other SBCO technical support services.
- DHCD will be opening an office in Wytheville later this year. We’ve secured office space at the VHDA old post office building in Wytheville and the position should post in September. So if you know of any good candidates in that area, please let them know of the opportunity. The position will be required to come to Richmond periodically but will primarily work from the Wytheville office.
- The second round of workgroup meeting for the proposed regulation phase of the 2018 code development cycle will wrap up on August 21. For the 2018 code development cycle, four specific topics were identified as warranting additional review (Residential Use Groups, Resiliency, Energy and School Safety). The sub-workgroups started meeting in April, reviewing these topics with a goal of identifying and finding consensus on any needed code changes. Sub-workgroup information is available on cdpVA. The Residential Uses, School Safety and Resiliency Subworkgroup plan to continue meeting into the final regulations phase. All information related to work from these subcommittees can be found on cdpVA.
- The next step in the code update process will be the BHCD Codes and Standards Committee and Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee meetings on September 16. That meeting will review the proposals to be considered during the proposed phase.
- At their July 19th meeting, the State Building Code Technical Review Board (TRB) issued a formal interpretation of USBC Section 102.3, related to the exemption of wiring and equipment used to provide utility service (and their support structures). The interpretation clarified that the exemption is only applicable to traditional “Electric Companies”, and includes solar power generation facilities operated by electric companies. The interpretation further clarified that those items are exempt from the USBC, so long as they do not create an unsafe situation, are located where the utility company has rights of entry and occupancy and the electric company has control of them.

- Every jurisdiction should have also received a Dropbox link to all of the legacy codes, including every referenced model code since the inception of the USBC. If you have not, or if you have problems with retrieving the downloads, please contact Sandi Morris.
- DHCD developed a form for use by landlords related to legislation that was passed last session related to testing of smoke alarms in rental housing. The law became effective January 1, 2019. The form is available here: <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/technical-memos-bulletins/2018-smoke-alarm-form-for-rental-units.pdf>
- 2019 Amusement device stickers can be obtained by contacting Nicole Donaldson at nicole.donaldson@dhcd.virginia.gov or 804-371-7150 to order the stickers. Please keep in mind, stickers will only be distributed to building officials. To expedite the process, when emailing or leaving a voice message for Nicole, please provide your name, mailing address, and quantity of stickers needed.
- Mark your calendar for the 2019 Virginia Governor's Housing Conference on Nov. 20-22 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia. This years theme is *Advancing Communities/Creating Opportunities*. One of the focus' of the educational events and the speakers is using technology to increase affordability. They will have a shipping container home available for inspection and will focus on off-site technologies. The Governor will speak on Friday.
- The submission window for the Building Safety Month Jurisdiction Campaign contest closed June 31st. We received a number of entries from the localities and are in the process of reviewing. The winners will be announced during the VBCOA Annual conference in VA Beach this September. Winning jurisdictions will receive a day of DHCD or ICC training of their choice and lunch for their office. Contact Rajan Engh with any questions.
- 2019 VBCA schedule: To see the fall schedule-at-a-glance go to the downloads link or see the complete schedule by logging into your account from the VBCA Online Registration System.
 - VBCA Online Registration System: Users can now upload a profile photo on the "Update Profile" page! (You can also replace the existing pic with a new one, or delete it) This is an optional feature with your photo appearing on your profile page as well as on the admin side of the system.
- Reminder - All DHCD code enforcement certificate holders are required to complete DHCD approved Code Change Training by September 4, 2019. Code Change Training is available online through the VBCA Learning Center. If assistance is needed with accessing the VBCA learning Center, please contact the VBCA staff at 804-371-7180 or visit <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/code-change-training-cct>. If you have any questions regarding your training requirements contact the VBCA office.
- The VBCA welcomes its newest team member, Aliza Barbour. Ms. Barbour comes to us from Virginia State University where she provided training and event coordination in one of their specialty programs. In addition to being an experienced training staff she also brings knowledge and experience in curriculum design. Aliza will be filling our second training coordinator position and you will see her this fall at many of our training classes.