

Minutes – Regular Meeting  
BUILDING CODES ADVISORY COMMISSION  
Held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.  
In Room 215 of the Oak Park Village Hall

ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Commissioners: Richert, Sabitino, Visteen, Hamer, and Chairman Kelly, Staff Liaison Cutaia

Absent: Commissioner: Floody, Hudson, Heitzman, Nussbaum, Liles,  
Guests: Daina Furuya

QUORUM: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. and a quorum was declared

MINUTES

- Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A Mr Daina Furuya was present in the audience as a spectator

REGULAR AGENDA

- The Fire Chief Tom Ebsen and Deputy Chief Scott Bartell were present to discuss their suggestions to the adoption of the 2015 International Fire Code and the village amendments.
  - The Chief was generally satisfied with adopting the 2015 edition and the current amendments. Although they suggested changing:

Removal of: ~~Article 5 Section 7-5 SECTION 105 - PERMITS~~

~~**Section 105.2.3 Time Limit Of Application.** An application for a permit for any proposed work or operation shall be deemed to have been abandoned 18090 days after the date of filing the application, unless such application has been prosecuted pursued in good faith or a permit shall have has been issued; except that the fire code official is authorized to grant one or more up to two extensions of time for additional periods not exceeding 90 days each. The extension shall be requested in writing to the fire code official by a responsible party and justifiable cause demonstrated.~~

~~**Section 105.3.1 Expiration.** An operational permit shall remain in effect until reissued, renewed, or revoked or for such a period of time as specified in the permit. Construction permits shall automatically become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is commenced within 18090 days after its issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 18090 days after the time the work is commenced. Before such work recommences, a new permit shall be first obtained and the fee to recommence the work, if any, shall be one-half the amount required for a new permit for such work, provided no changes have been made or will be made in the original construction documents for such work, and provided further that such suspension or abandonment has not exceeded one year 90 days. Permits are not transferable and any change in occupancy, operation, tenancy or ownership shall require that a new permit be issued.~~

~~**Section 105.3.2 Extensions.** A permittee holding an unexpired permit shall have the right to apply for an extension of the time within which the permittee will commence work under that permit when work is unable to be commenced within the time required by this section for good and satisfactory reasons. The fire code official is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of the time period of a permit for periods of not more than 18090 days each. Such extensions shall be requested by the permit holder in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated.~~

~~**Section 105.3.5 Placement Of Permit.** Issued permits shall be kept on the premises designated therein at all times and shall~~

~~be readily available for inspection by the fire code official. The permit placard(s) shall be posted on the subject property in a location clearly visible from the public right-of-way for the duration of the project until such time as the project has passed all final inspections, all permits have been closed and a certificate of occupancy has been issued, where applicable. Where inspections are not required by this code, the permit placard(s) shall remain posted until all work is completed. The placards shall be made available for inspection by the fire code official or its designee during all available working hours. Failure to post the permit placard(s) shall be considered to be a violation of this code's procedures for regulation of construction.~~

~~**Section 105.5 Suspension Or Revocation.** The fire code official is authorized to suspend or revoke a permit issued under provisions of this code when it is found by inspection or otherwise that there has been a false statement or misrepresentation as to the material facts in the application or construction documents on which the permit or approval was based including, but not limited to, any one of the following: whenever:~~

~~1.7. The permit was is found to be issued in error or in violation of an ordinance, regulation or this code on the basis of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information.~~

~~2. The permit is found to be issued in violation of any ordinance or regulation of any of the provisions of this code.~~

~~3. The work being performed is found to be in violation of any ordinance or regulation of any of the provisions of this code.~~

~~4. There have been any false statements or misrepresentations as to the material fact in the application for permit or plans submitted or a condition of the permit.~~

~~4. The scope of work being performed is found to exceed the work authorized by the permit.~~

~~35. Conditions and limitations set forth in the permit have been violated.~~

~~6. The permit placard was not posted in accordance with section 105.7.~~

~~17. he permit is used for a location or establishment other than that for which it was issued.~~

~~28. The permit is used for a condition or activity other than that listed in the permit.~~

~~59. The permit is used for a different person or firm than the name for which it was issued.~~

~~610. The permittee failed, refused or neglected to comply with orders or notices duly served in accordance with the provisions of this code within the time provided therein.~~

~~**SECTION 108 BOARD OF APPEALS** is deleted in its entirety.~~

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **SECTION 202 – GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

~~**Section 202 General Definitions** is modified to add the definition of "Responsible Party" to read as follows:~~

~~**Responsible Party:** Except as may otherwise be specified herein, the owner or the owner's designated agent shall be considered a responsible party for ensuring compliance with this code. In addition, any other person or entity that may be reasonably considered to have a role or responsibility in the creation, continuation, or correction of any violation of this code shall be considered a responsible party or additional responsible party for such violation.~~

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **BUILDING SERVICES AND SYSTEMS**

#### **SECTION 609 – COMMERCIAL KITCHEN HOODS**

~~**Section 609.1 General.** Commercial kitchen exhaust hoods shall comply with the requirements of the international building code and the international mechanical code, each as amended and adopted by the Village, and NFPA 17A, wet chemical extinguishing systems – 2009 and NFPA 96, ventilation control and fire protection of commercial cooking operations – 2008. Commercial kitchen exhaust hoods shall comply with the requirements of the international mechanical code.~~

## **CHAPTER 9**

### **FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

#### **SECTION 902 – DEFINITIONS**

~~**Section 902.1 Definitions.** The definition of "Fire Area" is modified to read as follows:~~

~~**Fire Area:** The aggregate floor area enclosed and bounded by fire walls, fire barriers, exterior walls and/or fire-resistance rated horizontal assemblies of a building, including the space occupied by those walls, or in the case of demising walls, to the centerline of the demising walls. Areas of the building not provided with surrounding walls shall be included within the fire area if such areas are included within the horizontal projection of the roof or floor next above.~~

- The chief had also suggested that Village Amendment IBC Section 3002.4 be altered as follows:
  - **Section 3002.4 Elevator Car To Accommodate Ambulance Stretcher.** *Where elevators are provided in buildings ~~four~~ three or more stories in height above, or ~~four~~ three or more stories below, grade plane, at least one elevator shall be provided for fire department emergency access to all floors.*
  - Motion made to accept the Chief's proposed revisions were made by Commissioner Kelly and second by Commissioner Richert, the motion carried.
- Jeff Prior, Supervisor in The Neighborhood Services Division explained that the adopted Article 7-13-2 Section 304.3 stating address numbers must be a minimum of 3" high in the property maintenance code does match the 4" requirement in the IBC and IFC, and IRC. The commission discussed existing conforming 3" numbering. Jeff is to present a proposal in the future.
- The IBC Chapters 1-3 & 32-33 were discussed. A motion was made to keep the section as-is were made by Commissioner Kelly and second by Commissioner Sabatino, the motion carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:15P.M.

By: Steve Cutaia, Staff Liaison  
Building Codes Advisory Commission