

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATION EXAMINERS AND APPEALS**

MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

November 18, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm. by Chair Strait.

Board Present

Eric Cowling
Don McCann
Craig Fredeen
Keith Sobolesky
Sterling Strait

Board Absent

Scott Bohne
Tyler Loken

Staff Present

Ross Noffsinger
Garett Harvey
Ron Thompson
Sandra Ovitt
Yars Dovba
Don Hickel
Victor Fosberg

Public Participation

Ben Dunham/Local 367
Pat Ridehour/Local 367
Joshua Lamb/Local 367
Jason Fernandes/Local 367
John Weddleton/Assembly
Tom Jones/
Ryan Andrew/IBEW
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2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Fredeen moved to approve. Mr. Sobolesky second and the agenda was unanimously approved.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Minutes of September 22, 2021

Mr. Fredeen moved to approve. Mr. Sobolesky second. Unanimously approved.

4. **NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Omnibus Ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Title 23 to provide clarity for Implementation of Code and Related Matters**

Chair Strait opened the discussion by asking for an overview.

Mr. Thompson gave an overview of the reorganization and building department regarding the budget and reorg. He was hired to be the Building Services Director over Development Services and the Planning Department.

As part of the reorganization all permitting functions within the municipality will be under Building Services. If you permit anything, it is now in the Building Services Department and that budget is in front of the Assembly for public hearing. Once it's finalized, Building Services will be created. Discussion continued regarding the laying off people because of the lack of work, the 25% reduction in permit fees from the last administration and getting a handle on the budget.

Board discussion began on:

Sections 1, 2, 11, 13, 15: Deletion of contractor and trades people licensing. The Board did not support the deletion and recommended changes to the fees for Journeyman/tradesmen and keeping the fees the same for Contractors. Mr. Thompson stated the *deletion of contractor and trades people licensing* will be removed from the ordinance (AO 2021-88).

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Section 20: Garage door opener GFCI receptacle requirement. The Board does not support the proposed change. Mr. Thompson stated the proposed change will be removed from the ordinance (AO 2021-88).

Section 19: Allow air admittance valves. The board tabled discussion until the next meeting.

Section 4: Replacement of light fixture with LED fixture. The Board does not support the proposed change. Mr. Thompson stated the proposed change will be removed from the ordinance (AO 2021-88).

Sections 21, 22, 23: IFC driveway changes. The Board supports the proposed change.

The Board unanimously made Official their support for:

Section 8: Expiration of plan review.

Section 9: Expiration of permit.

Section 14: Onsite fees.

Section 16: Modifications to ASCE 7 correction.

Section 17: Special inspection pre-approval program correction.

Section 18: Seismic design categories D through F correction.

Board member Sobolesky noted the time and motioned to end discussion for the evening. Mr. Fredeen second.

Chair Strait asked the Board and staff if they wished to continue or stop for the night. All agreed to stop, and another meeting would be scheduled. Sections 3, 5, [6, 10, 12], 7, 24, 25, and 26 will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting. It was agreed the next meeting would be December 2 at 5:30 p.m.


Staff noted the Board should look closely at Section 24 and Section 26 before the next meeting.

6. REPORTS - NONE

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS -NONE

8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. **Mr. Sobolesky moved. Mr. McCann seconded. Approved.**


Sterling Strait, Chair 12-16-21
Date
Board of Building Regulation Examiners and Appeals


Sarah Heider 12/16/21
Date
Secretary to the Board