



Tupelo License Commission Minutes

Date: 4/20/2023 **Time:** 5:35 PM **Call to Order:** Tony Carroll **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:04 PM

In Attendance

LICENSE COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Carroll, General Contractor Randy Hanlon, Plumber Matt Wiley, Mechanical Engineer
Jay Scruggs, Residential Builder Thomas Walker, Fire Safety Code

LICENSE COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Richard Rhudy, Electrician

CITY OF TUPELO STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Reagan, Chief Building Inspector Bill Wardlaw, Fire Marshall
Jennifer Roberson, DDS Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

No others were present

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Tony Carroll asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023 Tupelo License Commission meeting. Thomas Walker made a motion to approve the minutes. Matt Wiley and Terri Williams seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all in favor.

Old Business

1. **ADOPTION OF 2021 INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC) BUILDING CODE SERIES**
 - a. Tony Carroll opened the discussion and asked if everyone had a chance to look at the 2021 ICC Building Code Series and opened the floor for any comments.
 - i. Tony Carroll said we are probably not ready to vote on this today and asked what the time frame would be to adopt this code.
 1. Patrick Reagan said by state law we have to stay within two code series of the adopted code by the Mississippi Building Code Council and they are on the 2018 edition. But this only pertains to the IBC Code. This does not

apply to the Electrical Code. (December 2019, the Mississippi Building Code Council adopted the 2018 edition of the IBC, IRC, IEBC, IFC, IFGC, IMC, IPC and IECC).

- ii. Tony Carroll brought up the fact that the city has the authority to opt out of any part of the adoption to the 2021 ICC Building Series.
 1. Thomas Walker said he has read the Fire Code and he doesn't see anything in there that we would have to give any special attention to but when they do get ready to adopt the code, he would like to change the section that says open burning with permits. Thomas said we need to amend this section and the verbiage be changed to no open burning.
 - a. Open burning covers the burning of trash, leaves, and construction debris. This does not cover fire pits.
 - iii. Tony Carroll asked Randy Halon if he had any comments about gas piping.
 1. Randy said it mentions pro-press but everything else is pretty much the same. Some words were amended but no major changes.
 - iv. Tony Carroll asked Matt Wiley to talk about the venting changes that would occur if we adopted the 2021 Code.
 1. Matt said there is not really a lot of differences that they will do. The majority of the updates is about fresh air vents, exhaust vents, 10 feet from the intake from the exhaust.
 - v. Tony Carroll asked if there was any change to smoke detectors or fire apparatus in vents.
 1. Matt said dryer vents have to be solid metal with no obstructions inside. The update does away with flexible vents.
 2. Patrick Reagan said it has always said that with dryer vents that you have to use metal but we have allowed the use of plastic if it was in the dirt.
 - vi. Randy Hanlon mentioned that the 2021 Code update states that bathrooms do not have to have an overflow drain and briefly discussed the risk of the tub overflowing without the overflow drain.
- b. Patrick Regan asked if anyone has seen any concerns so far that would require him getting with Ben or Don to see what kind of liability the changes would open up if we delete a section.
 - i. Tony Carroll said we needed to study the 2021 Significant Code Changes a little more in depth. The License Commission members need to know a little bit more about what is going to be required.
 - ii. Terri Williams said the thing she is most concerned about is if we do have items that we are changing for the better of safety, health or welfare, we want to make sure it is very clear to those who are building. She said she is also concerned about stairs. She said the existing building code gives a lot of leeway regarding stairs.
 - iii. Patrick Reagan said the good thing about the code is that the code says if something doesn't meet the 2018 Code, but does meet the 2021 Code, by default we can go up a code without changing everything. We can, on a case-by-case

basis, go to a newer code. We can go forward as many codes as needed, but we cannot go back a code.

- c. The License Commission members discussed the next meeting date to revisit the adoption of the 2021 International Code Council Building Code Series and to make a decision.
 - i. Date was set for October 24, 2023 @ 5:30 PM.

New Business

No new business

Open Discussion

No open discussion

Announcements

No announcements

Next Meeting

DATE: 10/24/2023

TIME: 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Development Department, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 71 East Troy St

Chairman Tony Carroll

Recorded by Jennifer Roberson
Submitted by Tanner Newman