



Tupelo License Commission Minutes

Date: 1/19/2023 **Time:** 5:32 PM **Call to Order:** Tony Carroll **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:19 PM

In Attendance

LICENSE COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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

CITY OF TUPELO STAFF:

Patrick Reagan, Chief Building Inspector Michael Montgomery, Fire Marshall

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Estes

Approval of Minutes

Tony Carroll approved the minutes from the 10/6/2022 License Commission Meeting.

Introductions/Election of Chairman

Thomas Walker, Certified Fire Safety Code Representative, was appointed into the Tupelo License Commission effective December 6, 2022.

New 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 or if anyone needed any information.
 - i. Michael Montgomery, Tupelo Fire Marshall, said there were no changes that he felt needed to be omitted. Some of the small commercial changes he saw were:
 1. Added inside place structure requirements (which are nothing out of the ordinary)
 2. Added duct work detectors in dryer vents/exhaust vents
 3. Added fire alarm and escape requirements on Escape Rooms/Game Rooms
 4. Added sprinkler requirements to open parking garages (dry systems)

- ii. Tony Carroll commented on the 2021 ICC Code Council Building Code Series by saying that if we do adopt it, we would still have the ability to opt out at a later date.
- b. Patrick Reagan, Chief Building Inspector, asked to get a time frame on when we could add this topic to the Public Agenda.
 - i. Tony Carroll recommended not rushing the process and to give everyone time to study the material more and to make notes.
 - 1. Michael Montgomery said that as long as we stay within two code series, we had time to look over the material.
 - 2. Patrick Reagan said we are 2-3 years away from the requirements, so we do have time to do our research.
 - c. Tony Carroll recommended coming back to this topic at a later date (this calendar year), to give everyone the time and opportunity to study the code series more.

2. UPDATE TO CHAPTER 10 OF THE TUPELO CODE OF ORDINANCES (FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION)

- a. Tony Carroll opened the discussion of Code Chapter 10.
- b. The License Commission Members discussed the NFPA 13R System and the NFPA 13 System.
 - i. Michael Montgomery discussed the differences between the NFPA 13R System and the NFPA 13 System and said the Fire Department has not allowed the NFPA 13R Systems since 2018.
 - 1. Code allows the use of the NFPA 13R System, but because of the negative effect this has with the Rating Bureau, the Fire Department has been disallowing NFPA 13R since 2018.
 - a. A four story hotel can, based on the current code, use a NFPA 13R System, but the Rating Bureau would not consider the hotel to be fully sprinkled using the NFPA 13R System.
 - b. The Rating Bureau looks at it as an insurance rating not necessarily a life safety rating.
 - c. The NFPA 13 System is better for the City in the long run.
 - ii. Thomas Walker made a motion that the 13R Section be omitted from the Fire Code. Anything worded 13R would revert to 13, except any maintenance on a system that is already in place
 - 1. Randy Hanlon seconded the motion.
 - 2. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

3. OPEN COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. The License Commission Members further discussed the NFPA 13R and NFPA 13 System.
- b. Kenneth Estes discussed, with the License Commission members, the adoption of new codes.
 - i. Mr. Estes encouraged everyone to leave the 2018 Energy Code as it is and to not adopt the 2021 Energy Code for the following reasons:
 - 1. A significant cost increase on construction and electrical

2. Added section that requires all outside appliances to be on GFCI
 - a. Central Units will not work
 - i. Complaints of air/heat not working by States who have adopted this code
 1. Suit filed and this section has been stricken out of the code until such time that the parties can get together to create a way for it to work
 3. The State has not adopted this code yet
 - ii. Patrick Reagan believes it is best to stay within the series instead of skipping a series.
 - c. The License Commission members discussed the ICC Code Council and the number of votes the County has.
 - i. Tanner Newman and Patrick Reagan are on the Council for the City of Tupelo, which has 4 votes
 - ii. Saltillo has 2 votes
 - d. The License Commission members, discussed the next meeting date to revisit the adoption of the 2021 International Code Council Building Code Series.
 - i. Date was set for April 20, 2023 @ 5:30 PM.

Announcements

NA

Next Meeting

DATE: 4/20/2023

TIME: 5:30 PM

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