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To All Interested Parties

The State Building Code Council (Council) is seeking members for the Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) in preparation for the 2021 code adoption cycle. Technical Advisory Groups review new editions of the model codes to identify significant changes, and review existing and proposed state amendments.

The Council is recruiting for positions on TAGs for the 2021 code adoption cycle. In the 2021 cycle, the state building codes are divided into two groups. Group 1 is the International Building Code; the International Fire Code; and the Washington State Energy Code (Commercial). The 2021 TAGs will convene in the fall of 2020 to begin review of the Group 1 codes. The 2021 review process will conclude with a report to the standing committees. The TAGs set a meeting schedule once convened. Alternative means of participation not requiring travel are available using the internet and/or conference phone.

The Council welcomes all applicants for positions on any of the TAGs. Please submit a letter or e-mail indicating the TAG you are interested in and the constituent group you represent, along with a brief resume. Applicants will be asked to confirm the support of a local or statewide organization, where possible. All positions are open and previous TAG members must reapply. The deadline for applicants is August 15, 2020. The Council is seeking subject area experts from the groups listed on the tables below.

The state building code adoption process depends on involvement of the experts and professionals in the building industry. Please consider participating and respond to the Council at sbcc@des.wa.gov. If you have any questions, please contact staff at the email address above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Glenn".

Diane Glenn

Chair, Washington State Building Code Council

2021 Technical Advisory Groups

Group 1 Codes

BUILDING CODE TAG (IBC) Chair - Andrew Klein	TSUANMI (IBC)* Chair – Todd Beyreuther	FIRE CODE TAG (IFC) Chair - Vacant	ENERGY CODE TAG - COMMERCIAL Chair – Kjell Anderson
Architect	Government Agency	Architect	Architect
Building Official	Building Official	Building Official	Building Official
Cities/Counties	Structural Engineer	Cities/Counties	Cities/Counties
Homebuilder	Tsunami modeler	Homebuilder	Government Energy Policy
Fire Marshal	Emergency Management	Fire Marshal	Manufacturer/Supplier
Manufacturer/Supplier	County/City	Manufacturer/Supplier	Commercial Contractors
Commercial General Contractor	General Contractor	Fire Chiefs	Mechanical Engineer
Structural Engineer	General Public	Fire Protection Engineer	Illumination Engineer
Fire Protection Engineer	Flood Plane Manager	Building Owner/Manager	Electrical Engineer
Electrical Engineer		State Enforcement Agency	Building Commissioning
Building Owner/Manager		Sprinkler Industry	Trade Association
Construction Trades		Alarm Industry	Codes Consultant
State Enforcement Agency		Multi-Family Housing Assoc.	Electric Utilities
Special Inspector & Testing Agent		General Public	Gas Utilities
People with Disability			General Public
Insurance/Realtor/Appraiser			Small Business
Test Labs			Building Trades
Property Manager			Energy Modelers
General Public			Solar Installer
			ME and/or P Contractor
			Cost Estimator

*The Tsunami TAG is a specific subject matter TAG. The Tsunami TAG positions are being recruited through a parallel recruitment process.

Group 2 Codes

RESIDENTIAL CODE TAG (IRC) Chair – Micah Chappell	PLUMBING CODE TAG (UPC) Chair- Steve Simpson	MECHANICAL CODE TAG (IMC) Chair - Eric Vander Mey	ENERGY CODE TAG - RESIDENTIAL	BUILDING CODE TAG (IBC Structural & Admin, IEBC)
Home Designer	Manufacturer/Supplier	Mechanical Contractors	Architect	Same Members as IBC Group 1 Codes
Building Official	Homebuilder	Building Official	Building Official	
Cities/Counties	Building Official	Cities/Counties	Cities/Counties	
Homebuilder	Mechanical Engineers	Homebuilder	Home Builder	
Fire Marshal	Mechanical Engineers	Fire Marshal	Government Energy Policy	
Manufacturer/Supplier	Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors	Manufacturer/Supplier	Manufacturer/Supplier	
Framing/Masonry Contractor	Plumbing Trades	State Agency	Mechanical Engineer	
Insurance/Realtor/Appraiser	State Agencies	Utilities	Trade Association	
Affordable Housing Developer		IAQ Specialist	Codes Consultant	
Codes Consultant		Construction Trades	Electric Utilities	
		Educator	Gas Utilities	
		Mechanical Engineers	Educator	
			General Public	
			Small Business	
			Building Trades	
			Energy Modelers	
			Solar Installer	
			ME and/or P Contractor	
			Cost Estimator	

Proposed 2021 Code Review and Adoption Schedule

September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
2021 model Codes available (Group 1)	TAGs begin review	2021 significant changes & existing state amendments	Report to Council / Post baseline report	Submission period-proposed state amendments (Group 1)		Review proposed State of Washington amendments			Report to Council with recommendations for rule making. (Group 1)
June 2021	July 2021	September 2021	December 2021	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022
2021 model Codes available (Group 2)	TAGs begin review	2021 significant changes & existing state amendments	Report to Council / Post baseline report	Submission period-proposed state amendments (Group 2)		Review proposed State of Washington amendments			Report to Council with recommendations for rule making. (Group 2)

The proposed adoption of the 2021 codes will go through the public hearings process. For Group 1, the public hearings will be in the fall of 2021, for Group 2 the public hearings will be in the fall of 2022. According to this schedule, the 2021 codes will be effective on July 1, 2023.

WAC 51-04-020 Policies for the consideration of proposed statewide amendments.

(1) The council will accept and consider petitions for emergency statewide amendments to the building code at any time, in accordance with RCW 19.27.074 and chapter 34.05 RCW. The council will accept and consider all petitions for statewide amendments that meet the complete application requirements as set by the council in conjunction with the state building code update cycle, in accordance with RCW 19.27.074 and chapter 34.05 RCW, and WAC 51-04-015 and 51-04-020 as follows:

(a) For the purpose of review and adoption of new model code editions and statewide amendment submission, the state building code shall be divided into two groups as follows, unless otherwise directed by the council:

(i) Group 1: International Building Code (IBC); International Existing Building Code (IEBC); International Fire Code (IFC) Washington state energy code-commercial (WSEC-C) and Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUI).

(ii) Group 2: International Residential Code (IRC); International Mechanical Code (IMC); International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC); standards liquefied petroleum gas are National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards 58 and 54; Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC); Washington state energy code-residential (WSEC-R).

(b) The adoption period of new model codes commences when new editions of the model codes are available to the public. Within sixty days, the council shall publish a timeline to include a report of significant model code amendments and applicability of existing state amendments, followed by a submission period for new proposed statewide amendments.

(i) The council shall review Group 1 model codes and approve a report on significant changes and applicability of existing state amendments. The Group 1 report shall be posted on the council website and a submission period of at least sixty calendar days shall be allowed for new proposed statewide amendments.

(ii) Upon completion of the Group 1, public meetings, council actions and posting of the actions on the state building code council's website and provided new editions of Group 2 model codes are available to the public, the council shall review the Group 2 codes and approve a report on significant changes and applicability of existing state amendments. The Group 2 report shall be posted on the state building code council's website and a submission period of at least sixty calendar days shall be allowed for new proposed statewide amendments

(2) The council shall review proposed new statewide amendments, and approve those meeting the appropriate criteria to file as proposed rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW. The proposed rules filing shall include a small business economic impact statement in accordance with chapter 19.85 RCW.

(3) The council shall conduct at least two public hearings for each group (one in western Washington and one in eastern Washington) following the filing of the proposed rules with the code reviser's office.

(4) Amendments to Group 1 codes during the Group 2 adoption shall be limited to legislative direction, code correlation, correction of errors, language clarification and updated section references.

(5) The code development period shall conclude with formal adoption of the state building code as amended by the council. As required by RCW 19.27.074, all decisions to adopt or amend the state building code shall be made prior to December 1st and shall not take effect beCertified on 12/30/2019 WAC 51-04-020 Page 1 fore the end of the regular legislative session in the next year. Group 1 and 2 codes shall be filed with the code reviser at the same time.

(6) State amendments as approved by the council shall be submitted to the appropriate model code organization, at the direction of the council, except those adopted for consistency with state statutes or regulation and held for further review during the adoption period of those model codes by the council. The effective date of any statewide amendments shall be the same as the effective date of the new edition of the model codes, except for emergency amendments adopted in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW and deemed appropriate by the council.