



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013

(This report is due in the first quarter of each fiscal year for the previous year.)

Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

(Official Name of Board or Commission)

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

City Code § 2-1-121 Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals.

(C) The board shall:

- (1) review any appeals filed in accordance with Title 25 (*Land Development*); and
- (2) hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the building official relating to the application and interpretations of the Building Code, the Residential Code, and Fire Code.

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

- During 2013 this Board met 3 times.
- The Board Elected Officers.
- The Board adopted the following:
 1. Annual Board Schedule.
 2. Annual Board Report

- The Board reviewed the following draft code amendments and made the following recommendations to City Council:
 - 2012 International Residential Code and local amendments
 - 2012 International Building Code and local amendments.
 - 2012 International Existing Building Code and local amendments
 - 2012 International Fire Code and local amendments
 - 2012 International Energy Code and local amendments
 - Code Amendment to the Building Code to address sound mitigation for construction of new residential dwelling units and other uses with overnight guests, such as hotels, over five stories and mandate laminated exterior glass. (Resolution 20111215-060)
 - Code Amendment to City Code 25-1-1 462 Relating To Criminal Enforcement to enhanced fines for short term rentals.
 - Code Amendment to the Residential Code related to Visitability for new residential structures.
 - Code Amendment to the Residential Code related to Live/Work units.

2. Determine if the board’s actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

This board does comply with the mission statement and reviews appeals and determinations related to the Building Code, the Fire Code, and other technical codes, which is what helps make Austin one of the most livable cities. The Board understands the importance of the appeals filed and the importance of their recommendations to council and has been successful in fulfilling this obligation.

3. List the board’s goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

- This Board will continue to hear any appeals presented to the board.
- This Board is expected to make recommendations for the adoption of the following codes:

2012 Uniform Solar Energy Code