



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2016 to 6/30/17

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

Mechanical Plumbing & Solar Board

(Official Name of Board or Commission)

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

City Code § 2-1-161 Mechanical Plumbing & Solar Board BOARD.

The board shall hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the building official relating to the application and interpretation of Chapter 25-12, Article 5 (*Mechanical Code*), Chapter 25-12, Article 6 (*Plumbing Code*), and Chapter 25-12, Article 8 (*Solar Energy 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 2016 this Board held 4 meetings.
7/26/16, 10/4/16, 1/24/17, 4/25/17
- The Board elected Board Officers.
- Approved the Annual Board Schedule.
- Approved the Annual Board Review Report.
- The Board created a Work Group September 22, 2015 to compare the Uniform Plumbing Code versus the International Plumbing Code, and reviewed the comparison at the January 2016 meeting.
- Reviewed the draft Code Amendment for the adoption of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (Residential construction) and ASHRAE 90.1 2013 (commercial construction).
- Discussed the adoption of the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC) and the Attorney General opinion related to adopting the plumbing section of the IRC for residential.

- Made a Recommendation for the adoption of the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC) and support of the local amendments.
- Made a Recommendation to repeal the 2006 Uniform Solar Code and defer to the 2014 National Electric Code standards.

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 Plumbing Code, the Mechanical Code, the Energy Code, and the Solar Energy Code, and applicable Criteria Manuals, which is what helps make Austin one of the most livable cities. The Board understands 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 is expected to make recommendations for:

- Review draft rules for applicable Criteria Manuals.
- Review any ordinances related to plumbing, mechanical, auxiliary water, backflow and conservation.