



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 6/30/2020 to 7/1/2021

(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 2020-2021 year, this Board met 6 times.
7/22/2020; 11/9/2020; 2/24/2021; 3/24/2021; 5/26/2021 and 6/23/2021
- The Board Elected Officers.
- The Board adopted and recommended the following:
 1. Annual Board Schedule.
 2. 2020-2021 Annual Board Report.
 3. Nominations of Chair and Vice Chair
 4. Recommended the IBC and IEBC for adoption
 5. Recommended the IRC for adoption.
 6. Recommended the IFC for adoption.
 7. Recommended the IECC for adoption.
 8. Recommended Resolution for Flat Top Fences to Council.

- The Board:
 - Heard a public hearing and appeal on the La Vista De Lopez project where the appellants were appealing the interpretation of the fire code and not the site plan.
 - Volunteered two board members to assist with Development Services Department(DSD) on the 2021 IBC Ordinance
 - Discussed Fence Code Amendments after presentation by the Building Official on future recommendation for fence and material designs. Board volunteered Ashley Juraska and Aubrey Brasfield to work in a work group with DSD to work on a resolution for future recommendation of the Board.
 - Heard Building Official's interpretation of diving envelope when elevated surfaces are within 4 feet of the water edge.
 - Heard the presentation of the Building Official and DSD staff on the proposed ordinance of the IBC, IEBC, IRC, WUI and IPMC
 - Heard the Building Official presentation on relocating the language of the IBC appendix G, IBC 1612, IRC R322 and the definitions from the IBC and IRC to Chapter 25-12 to Article 3.
 - Involved in discussion with Austin Code on the Repeat Offender Program and expressed interest in participating in work group discussion with the Building Standard Commission.

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.
- Review any Code Amendments related to the adopted codes listed below.
- Review any City Rules related to construction.