

City of Lawrence

Building Code Board of Appeals Meeting

March 23rd, 2017 Development Services

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Reardon, Mark Stogsdill, Michael Brunin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Markley, Greg Rau

STAFF PRESENT: Development Services

Ex- Officio Lee Queen-Building Inspector, Ex- Officio Janet Smalter-Plans Examiner, Kurt Schroeder- Assistant Director

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bobby Flory- Executive Director, Lawrence Home Builders Association, James Myers – LHBA Member

Meeting called to order 11:02am.

The Board reviewed minutes from the December 15th, 2016 meeting. **Mark Stogsdill moved to approve minutes as written, Seconded by Michael Brunin. Motion passed 3-0.**

Next item of business was to consider a request by the Lawrence Home Builders Association to amend 2015 IRC table R602.7.5 to reduce the minimum full-height stud requirements for header support.

James Myers, with the Lawrence Home Builders Association, stated that table R602.7.5 was overly conservative in 2015 IRC and that the ICC has made a correction in the 2018 edition of the IRC.

Myers said the current table increases costs, increases installation time, and decreases the energy efficiency of walls. He also said that insulation values were compromised with the 2015 IRC table. Board members all wondered how this was included in the code to begin with, being a drastic change in normal wood framing practices. After a brief discussion, Board members all agreed the ICC was correcting overconservatism in the 2015 IRC table.

Stogsdill then made a motion to adopt the 2018 table. Second by Reardon. Motion passed 3-0.

There was then some discussion by everyone present as to a time line for adoption by the City Commission.

Kurt Schroeder then joined the meeting and said he would expedite adoption as fast as possible and would clarify with legal staff when the new table could become effective.

With no more business, **Stogsdill moved to adjourn, Seconded by Reardon. Passed 3-0.**