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### Fire Code TAG DRAFT Meeting Minutes January 27, 2012

This meeting was scheduled to make up for the January 20, 2012 meeting, that was cancelled due to a severe winter storm in Western Washington. The meeting was arranged as a conference call with a conference bridge and two monitor locations: the 1500 Jefferson Building in Olympia, and the Spokane Fire Station # 1 in Spokane.

TAG members present: Dave Kokot, Chair; Allen Spaulding; Corey Thomas; David Nelson; Diane Glenn; Jim Kambietz; Joe Puckett; Lance Talley;

TAG members absent: Daniel Shier; Hank Teran; Lee Bailey; Margie O'Brien; Michael Montgomery; Robert Eaker

Staff present: Joanne McCaughan; Tim Nogler

Also present: Rich Richardson

1. Welcome and Introductions: Dave opened the meeting with introductions. A quorum was present.
2. Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved, with a modification to review information regarding 2011 proposals that were tabled by the Council. Dave noted that the time allotted for the meeting was only two hours, while the actual time listed for each agenda item would go beyond two hours. He suggested that less time would be spent in the area of 'Significant Changes.' It was moved and seconded to approved the agenda as modified; the motion passed unanimously.
3. Minutes approval: Dave asked the group to consider the meeting minutes for the two previous Fire TAG meetings on 10/27/11 and 12/15/11. No changes were needed, and both sets were approved by the group.
4. Review of Existing State Amendments: TAG members were asked to report out on their review of specific sections of the existing amendments and their relevance to the 2012 IFC adoption. These assignments had been made since the last meeting. TAG members presented their findings as reflected in the updated 'Existing Amendments Review Table,' a tool for tracking the current amendments and any associated TAG actions. Jim Kambietz and Joe Puckett reported out on certain information that was not included in the table at the time of the meeting. See the attached Review Table for details of the discussion (updated to include meeting discussion and the comments by Kambietz and Puckett).

5. Significant Changes: Dave noted that another aspect of code review is for TAG members to understand the scope of the code that the ICC produced in their code adoption process. There are so many changes that we may not be able to get to all of them. This will be an exercise in due diligence, and he added that even the ICC 'Significant Changes' books do not catch everything. There are new definitions to consider, e.g., custodial care; changes in Chapter 3 regarding open burning requirements, roof gardens, and other matters such as emergency lighting in Chapter 6.

Dave assigned the group some homework to go through the new chapters to identify what is new in the 2012 IFC; new sections and modified language are indicated in the margins with a dark vertical bar. TAG members will also need to suggest where new state amendments might be necessary. Dave Nelson noted that he had already taken a look at Section 605.11/Photovoltaics and could report out at the next meeting.

2011 Tabled Proposals: Joanne reported that two proposals assigned to the Fire Code TAG in 2011 were tabled by the Council last year. These were 11-017 regarding Emergency Lockdown, and 11-025 regarding Group E Sprinkler System requirements. Dave noted that if the Council removes these from the table and sends them back to the TAG, that he would refer 11-017 to the special sub-group on Chapter 4.

Dave believes we will have more new proposals this year, partly because the code books were printed earlier than in previous years. He noted that the deadline is March 1 for new proposals, and asked staff whether the TAG would need to use the proposal forms to make modifications to existing amendments or suggest new language. Tim replied that no form is needed from the TAG if the suggested changes are to existing amendments or to the new code language, but that the TAG would still need to provide the economic data to support the proposals. Dave concurred and noted that there had been a significant backlash related to issues of economic impact regarding the Energy Code in the last cycle; as a result we are cognizant of the need to provide more verifiable information.

6. Dave asked the TAG if they have any comments about their progress up to this point; Diane and Jim both commented they believe the group is working well and Dave indicated he is very pleased with the group's progress. He suggested that the next meeting be held as scheduled on 2/17/12 rather than trying to arrange for an earlier meeting. Staff will find a location for a face to face meeting and Dave will make arrangements to attend in person. Tim noted that staff will order the code books and send them out to the group prior to the meeting. Dave moved to adjourn: the meeting was concluded at 2:55 p.m.