

Date: 10/25/2013  
From: Stearns, Tim (COM) <tim.stearns@commerce.wa.gov>  
To: GA SBCC (GA)  
Subject: Public Comments re: Fire Code / Setbacks

Council Chair Ray Allshouse  
Washington State Building Code Council  
PO Box 41449  
Olympia, WA 98504

I just wanted to thank you and your staff one more time for your willingness to listen and work toward solutions that can work for the solar industry and first responders.

Dave Kokot did a marvelous job with staff assistance of bringing the parties together to learn from each other and come up with workable solutions.

My hope is that this is just the beginning of a problem solving approach that works.

Lastly, I want to emphasize how much I appreciate the work of the Building Code Council and its staff.

Your efforts have been instrumental in making buildings better – safer and more energy efficient.

Dealing with complicated issues and ever changing technology with tight economics can be thankless.

I look forward to working with you and your staff in continuing to address these challenges ahead.

Be well,

Tim Stearns

---

Tim Stearns  
Senior Energy Policy Specialist  
State Energy Office  
Innovation and Policy Priorities Division  
Washington Department of Commerce  
2001 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2600  
Seattle, Washington 98121  
206-256-6121 phone  
206- 256-6158 fax  
[tim.stearns@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:tim.stearns@commerce.wa.gov)  
tim (dot) stearns (at) commerce (dot) wa (dot) gov

---



***Our Mission: Grow and improve jobs in Washington State***

---