

PA UCC REVIEW AND ADVISORY COUNCIL **PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF 2012 I - CODES**

adopted by Council 7/28/11

General

- a. Report to be completed and submitted to the Secretary of the Department of L&I no later than July 31, 2012.
- b. Codes to review - IBC (Chapters 2-29 and 31-35), IMC, IFGC, IPC, IRC, IFC (parts as referenced in IBC), IECC, IEBC, IWUIC, Appendix E and H of the IBC and Appendix G of the IRC per Chapter 403.21 regulations.
- c. Use approved ICC code change numbers from 09/10 cycle as the basis for review of the "latest triennial code revisions".
- d. Hold three public hearings to be held in Harrisburg, east location and west location to collect public input.
- e. Criteria for examination of code changes per statute:
 - Impact of provision on health, safety and welfare of the public
 - Economic and financial impact
 - Technical feasibility
- f. A Council member, association or individual may submit a recommendation to the Council for not adopting a specific code change at the three public hearings or in writing (electronic format) to the Council no later than December 31, 2011.
- g. Following the 3 public hearings and receipt of submissions under "f", the Council will debate which code changes are non controversial and vote for adoption of non controversial code changes as a group (perhaps by code).
- h. Those not voted in for adoption will be considered controversial changes and will be debated and voted on individually at Council meetings to be held in early 2012.
- i. Prior to Council consideration of controversial code changes, a Council member, association or individual may submit in writing (electronic format) to the Council, a complete recommendation for adopting or not adopting a code change with the following information as part of the submission:
 - ICC Code change reference number.
 - copy of code change.
 - detailed reasons for requested action.Recommendations must be received 2 weeks prior to the Council meeting at which Council will consider changes to that specific code.

- j. The Council will schedule meetings for early 2012 to consider and vote on controversial changes individually based on the overall number of controversial code changes. Those meetings will be organized by code. Proponents and opponents of a code change will be given the opportunity to provide time limited and orderly testimony, limiting subsequent comments to new information only, and questions by Council members.

- k. Format of report to Secretary of L&I
 - Only code change that receive a 2/3rds vote of the Council membership will be included in the report recommending adoption.
 - Code changes specified for adoption will be separately designated.
 - A brief basis for adopting /not adopting controversial code changes will be provided.

- l. Council meeting / public hearing format
 - 10a - 5p, 1 hour outside lunch.

Schedule

August 2011

- Council receive electronic version of 2012 codes from ICC.
- Compile and distribute 09/10 code change information to Council.
- Provide public notice of meeting dates and locations through 12/31/11.
- Send out E-Alert on process and meeting dates.
- Council members outreach to various interest groups and individuals for input.

September

- Hold public hearing in Harrisburg for public input on all ICC approved 09/10 codes changes.
- Location and date to be determined.

October

- Hold public hearing in Hazelton area for public input on all ICC approved 09/10 codes changes.
- Location and date to be determined.
- Conduct ordinary Council business.

November

- Hold public hearing in Cranberry Twp. area for public input on all ICC approved 09/10 codes changes.
- Location and date to be determined.
- Establish date for January Council meeting.

December

December 31 deadline for a Council member, association or individual to submit a recommendation to the Council for not adopting a specific code change.
Public notice of January meeting.

January 2012

Council meeting (no sooner than 2 weeks after list of recommendations per “F” and results of public hearings are sent out to Council members) to vote to adopt all non controversial code changes as a group.
Establish Council meeting dates for balance of review process based on number of controversial code changes to be considered.
Public notice of balance of code change review Council meetings.

February through May

Council meetings to review and vote individually on controversial code changes.
Preparation of draft report.
Conduct ordinary Council business.

June

Council meeting to consider any additional changes or reconsiderations and finalize report.
Conduct ordinary Council business.

July

Submit report.