PALM BEACH COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date:

March 11, 2008

Department:

Planning, Zoning & Building Department

Submitted By:

Building Division

Advisory Board Name: Building Code Advisory Board

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:

- A) appointment of one individual to the Building Code Advisory Board (BCAB), to complete the unexpired term of Steve Uman, who resigned from the City of Greenacres, and whose term expires on January 1, 2009.
- B) reappointment of one individual to the Building Code Advisory Board (BCAB) for a three (3) year term from January 2, 2008 to January 1, 2011.

Appoint

Nominee

Seat

Requirement

Nominated By

Wayne R. Bergman

03

Building Official

BOAPBC

Reappoint

Nominee

<u>Seat</u>

Requirement

Nominated By

Robert S. Dawson

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Building Official

BOAPBC

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Background and Justification: continued on page 3

Attachments:

- 1. Board Appointment Information Form
- 2. Letter of Recommendation Building Official Association of Palm Beach County
- 3. Résumé of Wayne R. Bergman
- 4. BCAB Attendance Record
- 5. Special Act

Department Director

Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

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	Department Director
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Summary: The Building Code Advisory Board was established by Special Act of Florida Legislature in 1974, and amended in 2001. The term of office is three years; with no limit to the number of terms a member may serve. Wayne R. Bergman is nominated by the Building Officials Association of Palm beach County to fill the unexpired term of Steve Uman, Seat 3. This action will fill the above-referenced seat until January 1, 2009. The reappointment of Robert S. Dawson is nominated by the Building Official Association of Palm Beach County. The Board comprises of sixteen members; seven regional Building Officials (nominated by the Building Official Association of Palm Beach County); seven members who must be appointed from nominations submitted by the Construction Industry Management Council of Palm Beach County; one member who must be a registered Architect nominated by the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; and one member who must be a Professional Engineer nominated by the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society. Countywide (GB)

Background and Justification: The Building Code Advisory Board is authorized to advise local governments regarding adoption of administrative or technical amendments to the Florida Building Code based on local conditions.

Advise local governments how construction code enforcement can be improved and standardized.

Advise local governments on evaluation of new and innovative materials, products, systems, or methods of construction for compliance with the Florida Building Code, and any amendments or revision thereto.

Act as the countywide compliance review board, pursuant to section 553.73 (4) (b) 7., Florida Statutes, notwithstanding the requirements contained therein to establish such review board by interlocal agreement.

The board is authorized to establish policies and procedures necessary to conduct evaluation efforts, such as, but not limited to, applications, fees, renewals, and revocations.

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADVISORY BOARD NOMINEE INFORMATION FORM

Part I:

Board Name: Building (Code Advisory Board			
At Large App	pointment or	✓ Distric	t Appointment	
Term of Appointment:	3 Years.	From: 01/01/20	06 To:	01/01/2009
Seat Requirement: Buildi	ng Official		Seat #:	3
*Reappointme	ent or	New A	ppointment	
or to complete the term of Completion of term to expire on:	Steve Uman 01/01/2009	Due to:	resignati	ion other
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Name: Bergman	Last	Wayne		R. Middle
Occupation/Affiliation:	Building Official			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Business Name:	City of Boynton Beach			
Business Address:	100 E. Boynton Beach	Blvd.		
City & State	Boynton Beach, Florid	da Z	p Code: <u>334</u>	125
Residence Address:	8563 Woodgrove Harbo	or Lane		
City & State	Boynton Beach, Florid	a Z	p Code: <u>33</u> 4	437
Home Phone: (56	1) 398-7518	Business Phone:	(561) 742-6373	ext.
Cell Phone: ()	Fax:	()	
Email Address:				
Mailing Address prefer	rence: Business A	ddress Residence		
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Name: Dawson				Robert		S.		
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Occupation/Affiliation:	Building	Official	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Business Name:	Town of	Highland	Beach					·
Business Address:	3614 Sou	ıth Ocean	Boulevard					
City & State	Highland	l Beach, F	Florida	Z	ip Code	3348	7	<u></u>
Residence Address:	8532 NIM	27th Drive	9					
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February 1, 2008

Board of County Commissioners Palm Beach County C/O Felicia Everett, Building Division 2300 N. Jog Road West Palm Beach, FL 33411



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State Director
Robert Lecky, CBO
Town of Jupiter

RE: BCAB Nominee – Wayne R. Bergman, CBO

Dear Commissioners:

I am pleased to report to you, that, during the January 24th meeting of the Building Officials Association of Palm Beach County (BOAPBC), the **BOAPBC** membership unanimously authorizing the chapter Officers and Directors to nominate Wayne R. Bergman, CBO, Building Official, of the City of Boynton Beach, for your consideration, to serve a term as the District 3 Representative on the Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County (BCAB). The Officers and Directors of the Association have carefully reviewed Mr. Bergman's record of service in support of construction code administration, and believe that his skill and experience in the enforcement of building codes makes him an asset to the District he serves, and as well as the County at large.

The membership, officers, and directors of our association respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of this nominee. We also remain grateful to the Commission for its continued support of consistent, strong, and equitable construction code enforcement in Palm Beach County and its 38 municipalities. We recognize, as the Commission Members do, that consistent and diligent enforcement of current construction codes protects the lives and property of the citizens of and visitors to Palm Beach County, along with helping to keep down the high cost of property insurance in our County.

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Faithfully,

Mike Crisafulle, CBO President



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Dear Commissioners:

I am pleased to report to you, that, during the January 24th meeting of the Building Officials Association of Palm Beach County (BOAPBC), the BOAPBC membership voted unanimously to nominate incumbent Building Code Advisory Board Member, Robert Dawson, CBO, for your consideration, to serve an additional term as the District 4 representative on the Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County (BCAB). The Association membership is proud of the dedicated service Mr. Dawson has, and continues to demonstrate in support of the citizens of Palm Beach County, as well as the municipality of Highland Beach.

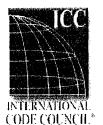
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Sincerely,

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Wayne Robert Bergman, MCP, CBO

8563 Woodgrove Harbor Lane Boynton Beach, FL 33437 (561) 398-7518

December, 2007

Work History

2007 – Building Official, City of Boynton Beach, FL – Recently relocated to Florida as the Building Official for a City of 68,000 people. Responsible for all Building Division operations, a staff of 25, and a \$7,000,000 annual budget. Currently revising the City's Administrative Code relative to the Building Division and implementing new functions of HTE, Naviline and Teleworks.

2000-2007 - Building Code Official, Township Manager and Zoning Officer, Falls Township, Bucks County, PA - Responsible for the overall management and administration of a Second Class Township with a population of approx. 35,000 residents, 100 full-time employees, 30 part-time and seasonal employees, and an annual budget in excess of \$26,000,000. Significant accomplishments include a Comprehensive Plan update with revised Zoning Map, update of Zoning and SALDO Codes, creation of a Stormwater Management Code and rezoning of industrial waterfront areas along the Delaware River to permit mixed residential and commercial uses.

1995-2000 - Chief Code Enforcement Officer, Falls Township, Bucks County, PA - Responsible for the administration of the Code Department, all construction, planning, zoning and code enforcement matters, responsible for the licensing of contractors, manufactured home parks, building permits, inspections and plan review. Administrative liaison to the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board.

1989-1995 - Senior Field Inspector, U.S. Toxic Substance Testing Bureau, Southampton, PA - Building and property inspector, performed inspections for Phase I and II Environmental Assessments involving real estate transfers for relocation companies and for the RTC (Resolution Trust Corporation). Licensed by PA DEP as mitigation contractor and inspector. Later responsible for a nation-wide team of property inspectors for a major relocation client.

1988-1989 - Inspector / Salesperson, Western Industries, Pleasantville, NJ headquarters - Building Inspector and home service sales professional throughout southeastern Pennsylvania.

Education / Training

Almeda University, Boise, ID, 2005, Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Business Management. Completed final college credits on-line.

Numerous management courses, code training seminars, classes and conferences, 1995 through 2004.

Various environmental training seminars and courses, 1989 through 1995, including classes at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ.

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 1980 through 1982, College of Mechanical Engineering.

Licenses / Certifications

- **Building Code Administrator License** Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, received May 30, 2007, number BU1562.
- Standard Inspector License (Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, 1 & 2 Family) Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, received August 31, 2007, number BN5944.
- Standard Plans Examiner License (Building, Plumbing, Mechanical) Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, received August 31, 2007, number PX2992.
- Master Code Professional Certification National certification through ICC (International Code Council), received September 7, 1999, number 127.
- Certified Building Official Certification National certification through the ICC, received May 17, 1999, number 3588.

Presently certified through ICC in 24 other certification categories, including Building, Fire, Plumbing, and Mechanical Code Official; Building, Fire, Plumbing and Mechanical Plans Reviewer; Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical Inspector; Property Maintenance Inspector and five categories of One and Two Family Dwelling Inspector, Accessibility Inspector and Plans Examiner and Zoning Official.

- NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association) 1031 Certification as a Fire Inspector I and II through the National Board of Fire Service Professionals, received June 11, 1999.
- FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) NIMS Certified IS-100, IS-200 and IS-700, received September, 2006.

Memberships

BOAF (Building Officials Association of Florida), Member since 2007.

The Building Officials Association of Palm Beach County, Member since 2007.

ICMA, Member since 2007, number 499212.

ICC, Member since 1996, Active status, number 5170921.

GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association), Member since 2000, number 300085168.

AWWA (American Water Works Association), Member since 2000, number 00017962.

Personal References

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BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD - ATTENDANCE RECORD 2007

MEMBER	J	F	M	Α	M	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D
Caldwell, Rebecca											С	
Dawson, Bob				Α						Α	С	
Duncan, Drew			Α							Α	С	
Jacobson, Maury		Α	Α					Α			С	
Kozan, Gary						Α		Α			С	Α
Lecky, Robert						Α					С	Α
Lewis, Howarth (Hap)											С	
Loihle, Kenneth							Α			Α	С	
Marion, Kurt G.		Α	Α				Α	Α			С	
Melick, Neil		Α			Α	Α					С	A
Miller, Gregory						. A		Α			С	
Stewart, Dave						Α					С	
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Worley, Scott						Α					С	

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BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD - ATTENDANCE RECORD 2008

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Duncan, Drew												
Jacobson, Maury		_										
Kozan, Gary	Α											
Lecky, Robert												
Lewis, Howarth (Hap)												
Loihle, Kenneth												
Marion, Kurt G.												
Melick, Neil												
Miller, Gregory				·								
Stewart, Dave												
VACANT	N/A											
Tomasik, Jacek												
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An act relating to Palm Beach County; amending chapter 90-445, Laws of Florida, as amended; providing for the uniform implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of building code requirements pursuant to the Florida Building Code; providing and amending definitions; providing for enforcement; providing for repeal of conflicting laws; providing for interpretation of codes and revision; deleting provisions relating to appointments; providing for authority for building code amendments; providing for amending provisions for product and system evaluation, including application fees and revocation and renewal of product and system compliance; providing severability; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Notwithstanding section 136 of chapter 2000-141, Laws of Florida, chapter 90-445, Laws of Florida, is reenacted and amended to read:

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Section 1. Purpose.—As provided in section 553.80(1), Florida Statutes, each local government and each legally constituted enforcement district with statutory authority shall regulate building construction and, where authorized in the state agency's enabling legislation, each state agency shall enforce the Florida Building Code, as revised or amended by the state or applicable local government, required on all

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public or private buildings, structures, and facilities unless such responsibility has been delegated to another unit of government pursuant to section 553.79(9), Florida Statutes. The purpose of this act is to provide for a system to advise the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and local governments regarding the uniform implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of the Florida Building Code. Authority. The board of county commissioners shall have the power to adopt, for all municipalities and unincorporated areas of Palm Beach County, more recent editions and revisions of the Standard Building, Gas, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes, as promulgated by the Southern Building Code Congress International, in addition to the National Electrical Code, as promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association. These codes shall be adopted by ordinance, based on the advice of the Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County.

- Section 2. Definitions. -- As used in this act:
- (1) "Amendment" means modified requirements to the Florida Building Code model building codes which are adopted by ordinance by any unit of local government pursuant to section 553.73, Florida Statutes.
- (2) "Board" means the Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County, unless otherwise specified.
- (3) "Building official" means an individual charged with the administration and enforcement of the Florida

 Building Code several codes adopted pursuant to section 1, who is a full-time employee of a municipality or the county, in the respective election district in which the jurisdiction is situated.
- (4) "Design professional" means an architect or engineer so registered in the State of Florida.

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- 1 (5) "Florida Building Code" means the code adopted by the Florida Building Commission pursuant to section 3 553.73(1)(a), Florida Statutes "Model codes" means the 4 Standard Building, Gas, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes 5 published by the Southern Building Code Congress International 6 and the National Electrical Code published by the National Fire Protection Association.
 - (6) "Revisions" means any modifications to the Florida Building Code model codes as published by the Florida Building Commission applicable code-promulgating organization.
 - (7) "Service system" means an electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing, or other system which provides service to a building, structure, or facility and is regulated by the model codes and any amendments or revisions thereto.
 - (7) (8) "Unit of local government" means any one of the municipal governing bodies in Palm Beach County or the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County.
 - Section 3. Enforcement. -- Enforcement of the Florida Building Code model codes adopted pursuant to section 1, and any amendments or revisions thereto, shall be the responsibility of each unit of local government. A unit of local government may provide these services through an interlocal agreement with the county or local government, as provided by section 553.79(9), Florida Statutes law.

Section 4. Code enforcement personnel qualifications. For the purposes of permit review and inspection, qualified plans examiners and inspectors, whose competency shall be determined by each unit of local government, shall be employed and charged with the responsibility of enforcing this act.

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Section 5. Violations.—No building, structure, or service system shall be erected or installed within Palm Beach County in violation of the requirements of the model codes adopted pursuant to section 1 or any amendments or revisions thereto, except that state buildings are exempt from compliance with such model codes.

Section 4.6. Repeal of laws in conflict.—Any laws, ordinances, or resolutions now in existence in the unincorporated areas of Palm Beach County or in any municipality in Palm Beach County in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Enactment of lower standards.—No unit of local government shall enact any law lowering the standards of the model codes adopted pursuant to section 1. However, each unit of local government may adopt ordinances providing amendments to modify or improve the model codes, provided such amendments are in compliance with s. 553.73, Florida Statutes.

Section 8. Code available. Each unit of local government shall have available for public inspection in its principal office three copies of the model codes, together with any amendments or revisions thereto. Amendments must be printed or otherwise suitably duplicated, and copies shall be available for sale at reasonable cost to the public.

Section 5.9. Interpretations.—In the event of a dispute in the interpretation of the provisions of the Florida Building Code model codes, or any amendments or revisions thereto, a building official, plans examiner, inspector, builder, contractor, owner, architect, or engineer may ask for an opinion from the board's Code Interpretation Committee. The Code Interpretation Committee shall be comprised of each of the building official members of the board. The request for

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interpretation must come by agreement of Both parties to the dispute must agree to seeking the advisory interpretation from the board. Said procedure opinion may be conducted by telephone or other electronic means. A simple majority of the committee shall sustain an interpretation. Each building official member of the committee shall maintain a written record of the date and parties to the dispute. The interpretation shall not be binding upon the parties to the dispute.

Section 6.10. Appointments.--

(1) The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County shall appoint the Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County and supply it with a meeting place, office supplies including stationery, legal counsel, technical staff, mechanical recording of its meetings, written transcripts of the minutes of its meetings, secretarial service, and storage space for its records. The board shall have 16 members, composed of 7 building officials, 1 from each commission election district, appointed from nominees submitted by the Building Official's Association of Palm Beach County; 7 members appointed from nominees submitted by the Construction Industry Management Council of Palm Beach County; 1 member who shall be a registered architect appointed from nominees submitted by the Palm Beach Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; and 1 member who shall be a professional engineer appointed from nominees submitted by the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society. By January 1, 1991, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County shall appoint the four new members, two for 1-year terms and two for 3-year terms. Thereafter, All appointments shall be for a term of 3 years, and each member shall serve until his

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or her successor is appointed. If a vacancy should occur before a term has expired, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a new member within 60 days to complete the unexpired term. (2) Members shall be required to attend all regular

and special meetings of the board. The chair chairman of the board shall notify the Board of County Commissioners when a member accumulates three consecutive absences from the regular meetings or when a member fails to attend 50 percent of all meetings of the board during any 12-month period. On such notification, the member shall be removed by the Board of County Commissioners, and the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a new member within 60 days to complete the unexpired term. The board shall hold meetings open to the public at least once in every calendar quarter, adopt rules and procedures procedure, and elect a chair chairman and vice chair chairman. A quorum of the board shall be 10 members, with a concurring vote of 9 members required to approve any action.

Section 7. Authority. -- The purpose of the advisory board is <u>authorized</u> to:

- (1) Advise units of local governments regarding:
- (a) Future editions of the model codes and subsequent recommendation to the board of county commissioners concerning countywide adoption.
- (b) Recommendations on the adoption of administrative or technical amendments to the Florida Building Code model codes based on local conditions.
- (2) (c) Advise local governments how construction code enforcement can be improved and standardized.

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(3) (d) Advise local governments how to prevent the recurrence of disputes.

(4) (e) Advise local governments on evaluation of new and innovative materials, products, systems, or methods of construction for compliance with the Florida Building Code model codes adopted pursuant to section 1, and any amendments or revisions thereto.

(5) Act as the countywide compliance review board, pursuant to section 553.73(4)(b)7., Florida Statutes, notwithstanding the requirements contained therein to establish such review board by interlocal agreement.

Section 8.11. Product and system evaluation. --

(1) The board shall have the authority to evaluate ADMINISTRATION: -- Palm Beach County and each unit of local government within Palm Beach County shall have the option to direct inquiries concerning new or existing products or systems in accordance with section 553.842, Florida Statutes, and the Florida Building Commission's rules adopted thereunder to the board. The board shall act as a clearing house for new or different products or systems, by evaluating them based on the current model codes and any amendments or revisions, being recommended for adoption by the board. The board is authorized to may issue evaluation and compliance reports for products and systems found to be in compliance, as provided by policies established by the board. Recommendations and compliance reports of the board concerning new and existing products or systems shall be advisory in nature for the municipalities within Palm Beach County and shall not form the basis of a local or statewide approval pursuant to section 553.842, Florida Statutes.

- materials, products, systems, or methods of construction shall be based on the <u>Florida Building Code model codes adopted</u> pursuant to section 1, and any amendments or revisions thereto. The types of construction, materials, systems, or methods of design referred to in the <u>Florida Building Code</u> model codes, and any amendments or revisions thereto, shall be considered standards of performance, quality, and strength. New or different types of construction, materials, or methods of design shall be at least equal to these standards for the corresponding use intended. For the purposes of determining compliance, the product's quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, safety, and control of installation shall be guides for consideration.
- (3) The board is authorized to establish policies and procedures necessary to conduct evaluation efforts, such as, but not limited to, applications, fees, renewals, and revocations. APPLICATION PROCEDURE.
- determination shall be made in accordance with the policy and procedures established by the board. If the application is for a type of structure or system, the application shall be accompanied by plans prepared by a design professional, together with supporting engineering calculations supporting the design. Applications for components, materials, or devices shall be accompanied by drawings, tests, and calculations, prepared by an engineer registered in the State of Florida, or other proof supporting the design.
- (b) The board may employ the use of consultants to examine applications. \underline{A} The consultant shall be a design professional with specific qualifications in the particular

that area of product or system analysis $\underline{\text{for which he or she is}}$ $\underline{\text{employed}}$.

(c) The board may establish policies and procedures for the processing and review of requests for evaluation and compliance, including programs designed to monitor manufacturing, fabrication, or performance. The board or its designee may require calculations, tests, or opinions from design professionals, nationally recognized testing laboratories, or approved quality and assurance programs.

- (d) The data shall be analyzed and evaluated for meeting the applicable performance standards. After receiving an evaluation report, the board shall issue a written recommendation on the appropriateness of the product or system for use in Palm Beach County. All decisions or reports shall be forwarded to:
 - 1. The product control file.
 - 2. The applicant.
 - 3. The local building departments.

The written recommendations of the board shall be advisory only. It is the responsibility of each applicant, contractor, or owner to submit individual permit applications for construction or installation to the appropriate unit of local government for specific approval or rejection.

(4) FEES.—A \$500 minimum initial application fee shall be paid by the applicant at the time of filing. In addition, the applicant shall be responsible for any cost the board may incur. Resubmissions after unfavorable recommendations shall not require an additional initial filing fee unless final action had been taken by the board. However,

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 the applicant shall be required to pay any additional cost incurred by the board prior to final action.

- (5) DISPOSITION OF FEES AND EXPENSES.—All moneys collected by the board shall be received, deposited, expended, and accounted for pursuant to law. The expenses of the advisory board, consulting fees, testing fees, and all other necessary and appropriate fees shall be paid by the board from the moneys collected.
- (6) DISAPPROVAL. Applications recommended for disapproval, during any phase of the review process, shall be returned to the applicant in writing, stating the reasons for the recommendation of disapproval.
 - (7) REVOCATION. --
- (a) At any time during the valid term of a compliance report, the recommendation may be revoked and become null and void for any of the following reasons:
- 1. Nonconformance with the model codes adopted pursuant to section 1, and any amendments or revisions thereto, or any subsequent updates to such standards which occur after the date of acceptance.
- 2. Deviation from the design on which the recommendation of acceptance was based, due to change, omission, or substitution.
- 3. Use of the product, components, system, or method not within the scope of the recommendation of acceptance.
- 4. Unsatisfactory performance when subjected to actual conditions.
- 5. Appearance of intolerable effects such as, but not limited to, toxicity when associated with other materials.
- (b) Notification of revocation shall be provided to all persons having received the recommendation of acceptance.

Revocations based on subparagraph (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2.

may be considered for reinstatement if the original applicant submits:

1. Revised drawings, calculations, test reports, or

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2. Payment of a \$50 review fee.

3. Payment of additional costs incurred by the board.

Submittals for revisions shall bear the revised date and shall be processed as a new application. Revised reports recommended for approval shall be identified to indicate the revised date; however, the submittal shall maintain the same expiration date.

(0) RENEWAL.—One year from the date of acceptance and every year thereafter, or upon the adoption of new codes, amendments, revisions, or standards, the board shall ask the original applicant whether he desires the evaluation and compliance report to be renewed. Failure of the applicant to respond within 30 days shall cause the report or approval to be automatically canceled. An applicant desiring the report or approval to be renewed shall submit a \$200 fee. The applicant shall also be responsible for any additional cost incurred by the board prior to final action.

Section 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared severable.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.