Agenda Item #: 6B-/

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 19, 2009

Department: Fire-Rescue

Advisory Board Name: Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments

1. Executive Brief

Motion: Staff recommends motion to approve: the appointment of four (4) members to the Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments Committee for a three-year term, beginning on May 19, 2009 through May 18, 2012.

Appoint: <u>Nominee</u> Jacek Tomasik	<u>Category</u> Municipal Building Official	Seat No. 3	<u>Nominated By</u> Commissioner Koons
Ronald Goodstein	Architect	4	Commissioner Koons
Mark Galavan	Fire Sprinkler Contractor	5	Commissioner Koons
Jason Lee	Mechanical Engineer	8	Commissioner Koons

Summary: The Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments is maintained in accordance with the Palm Beach County Local Amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code (Ordinance 2008-045). The prior Architect appointee, Ed Oliver, no longer met the qualifications for this appointment and resigned, thereby creating a vacancy to be filled for Seat No. 4. The prior appointments in Seats No. 3, 5 and 8 have expired. On April 2, 2009, a memo was distributed to the Commissioners requesting nominations to this nine (9)-member board (At-Large). This board is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and members serve three (3) year terms, with no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve. No other nominations were received. **Countywide (SB)**.

Background and Justification: The Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments requires the appointment by the County Commission of individuals working in specific, related fields that are knowledgeable to make decisions on Fire Code appeals, and to make recommendations for changes to the Fire Code to the Board of County Commissioners and Fire-Rescue.

Attachments:

- 1. Board Appointment Form(s)
- 2. Member List Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments
- 3. Ordinance No. 2008-045, Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments
- 4. Memo dated April 2, 2009 to Commissioners requesting nominations

Recommended By:	Horman Brice	4-23-09
	Department Director	Date
Legal Sufficiency: _	Assistant County Attorney	4-27-09 Date

<u>Part I:</u>

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Term of Appointment:	<u>3</u> Years.	Fror	n: May 18, 2	009	To: May	8 7, 2012
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Occupation/Affiliation:	Building Official					
Business Name:	Village of Wellin	ngton				
Business Address:	12794 Forest Hil	l Boulevar	d, Ste 23			
City & State	Wellington, FL		Z	ip Code	33414	· .
	12328 85 th Road	North				
Residence Address:	West Palm Beach	n, FL			33412	
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Home Phone:)	I	Business Phone:	(561) 753-2505	Ext.
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Board Name: _ Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjust	tments
[X] At Large Appointment or	[] District Appointment
Term of Appointment: <u>3</u> Years. From:	May 18, 2009 To: May 17, 2012
Seat Requirement: Architect	Seat #:
[]*Reappointment or	[X] New Appointment
or [] to complete the term of	Due [] resignation [] other to:
Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, M	UST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT
Name: Goodstein Rona	
Last	First Middle
Occupation/Affiliation: Architect	
Business Name: Ronald Goodstein AIA	
Business Address: 712 US Highway One, Ste 300-	16
City & State North Palm Beach, Florida	Zip Code: 33408
Residence Address: 1037 Marina	Drive
City & State North Ralm Beach	FL Zip Code: 33408
Home Phone: (56) 459-9798 Busin	ness Phone: (561) 4 59-9798- 881-9990
Cell Phone: () Fax:	(561) 691-9394
Email Address:goodsteinr@bellsouth.net	
Mailing Address preference: [X] Business Address	[] Residence
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Name: Galavan		Mark	
	Last	First	Middle
Occupation/Affiliation:	Fire Sprinkler Represen	ntative	
Business Name:	Wiginton Fire System		
Business Address:	1501 Northpoint Parkw	ray, Suite 102	<u></u>
City & State	West Palm Beach, FL	Zi	33407 p Code:
Residence Address:	16859 84 th Court North	L	
City & State	Loxahatchee, FL	Zi	33470 p Code:
Home Phone: ()	Business Phone:	(561) 682-1331 Ext.
Cell Phone: (50	51) 719-5711	Fax:	(561) 682-1332
Email Address:mjg@	wiginton.net		
Mailing Address prefer	ence: [X] Business Ad	dress []Residence	
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Term of Appointment: <u>3</u> Years.	From:	May 18, 2009	To: May 1, 2012
Seat Requirement: Mechanical Engineer	<u> </u>		Seat #: _8
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Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT

Name:	Lee		Jason		R
		Last	First		Middle
Occupati	on/Affiliatior	Mechanical Engineer			
		Kimley-Horn & Associa	ates		
Business	Name:				
Business	Address:	4431 Embarcadero Driv	7e		
City & S	tate	West Palm Beach, Flori		p Code:	33407
Residenc	e Address:	3975 140 th Avenue Nor	th		
City & S	tate	[·] Loxahatchee, Florida	Zi	p Code:	33470
Home Ph	ione:	(561) 333-2450	Business Phone:	(561)8	845-0665
Cell Pho	ne:	(561) 317-0206	Fax:	(561) 863	3-8175
Email Ac	ldress: Ja	son.Lee@Kimley-horn.com	·		

Mailing Address preference: [X] Business Address [] Residence

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Part III: COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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*When a person is being considered for re-appointment, the number of previous disclosed voting conflicts shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners.

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PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS & ADJUSTMENT

I. AUTHORITY :

Ordinance No. 92-18, Section 105.1, Fire Code Ordinance; amended by Ordinance No. 94-12; amended by Ordinance No. 2001-101 and Administrative Order 03-03 on January 1, 2004; amended by Ordinance No. 2004-073; adopted on December 29, 2004.

II. APPOINTING BODY :

Board of County Commissioners

III. COMPOSITION, QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS & REMOVAL :

The Board is composed of nine (9) individuals appointed at-large. The composition is as follows: one (1) registered engineer, practicing in the mechanical field; one (1) registered engineer, practicing in the fire protection field; one (1) Florida or Palm Beach County certified general contractor; one (1) representative of the insurance field; one (1) certified fire sprinkler contractor; one (1) citizen of Palm Beach County, not eligible under other membership categories; one (1) registered architect; one (1) Palm Beach County municipal building official and one (1) Palm Beach County municipal fire service representative. Where a member is required to be registered or certified, same shall be issued by the State of Florida unless otherwise specified.

The initial terms of the appointments shall be as follows: one year: Architect, General Contractor and Fire Protection Engineer; two years: Mechanical Engineer, Building Official; and Fire Sprinkler Industry Representative and three years: Municipal Fire Representative, Insurance Industry Representative and Citzen Representative. Thereafter all appointments will be for three years and there will be no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve. Any member may be removed at any time without stated cause, by the BCC of PBC, and new members appointed by said BCC shall serve the remainder of the vacant term. Members serve at the pleasure of the BCC. All members must reside within Palm Beach Countyat the time of the appointment and while serving on the Board and shall be qualified electors of Palm Beach County. The Board shall adopt rules and regulations for conducting its business. A quorum for said Board shall be a a majority total membership of the Board. The AHJ shall designate a representative to act as Secretary to the Board.

*NOTE: When sitting solely in its advisory capacity, the Board shall be known as the Fire Code Advisory Board and shall be composed of the same members as the Board

IV. MEETINGS :

Meetings are scheduled on a monthly basis, or as needed for resolution of pending appeals. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal by the Board, a hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, with notice to the appellant, the AHJ, and the members of the Board, at least five (5) working days prior to said hearing. Special meetings may also be called by the Board provided that five (5) working days notice is given to both parties.

V. FUNCTIONS :

1) The Board shall review the Fire Code and make recommendations, in the form of specific amendments, to the Board of County Commissioners for corrections, additions, substitutions or deletions to said Code for the purposes of clarification, applicability, public safety, and changes in technology, so as to maintain this Code as an effective and responsive document; 2) To entertain appeals or decisions made jointly by the local AHJ and the local building official, in acccordance with Section 553.73(8), Florida Statutes; 3) To resolve conflicts between the building code and the fire code, in accordance with Section 553.73(8), Florida Statutes.

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VI. LIAISON INFORMATION :

LIAISON DEPARTMENT

Fire Rescue

Randy Sheppard

CONTACT PERSON

ADDRESS

405 Pike Rd West Palm Beach FL 33411 Phone # 561-616-7030

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CURRENT MEMBER	ROLE TYPE	RACE CODE	BUSINESS / HOME PHONE	SEAT REQUIREMENT	APPOINT DATE	RÉ-APPOINT DATE
y : AT Large						
James Baumann 5455 N Federal Hwy Ste B Boca Raton FL 33487	Member	UN	561-241-8990	General Contractor	06/19/2001	05/18/2008
NOMINATED BY :						
Mike Carsillo 500 N Dixie Hwy West Palm Beach FL 33415	Member	EA	561-804-4700	Municipal Fire Representative	09/10/2002	05/18/2007
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	West Palm Beach FL 33415							
	NOMINATED BY	:						
3	Kenneth Loihle 600 W Blue Heron Blvd Riviera Beach FL 33404	Member	EA	561-845-4021	Building Official	11/18/1997	05/18/2006	05/17/2009
	NOMINATED BY	:				•		
4	Ed Oliver 1401 Forum Way Ste 100A West Palm Beach FL 33401	Member	UN	561-684-6841	Architect	05/18/2004	05/18/2008	05/17/2011

NOMINATED BY :

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Appointe	ed By : AT Large							
5	Robert Farmer 3300 Avenue K West Palm Beach FL 33404	Member	UN	561-844-5236	Fire Sprinkler Contractor	05/18/2004	05/18/2006	05/17/2009
	NOMINATED BY :							
6	Ronald Bailey 880 Jupiter Park Dr Jupiter FL 33458	Member	EA	561-744-1410	Fire Protection Engineer	09/10/1991	05/18/2005	05/17/2008
	NOMINATED BY :							
7	Roy Pollack 3880 N 28th Ter Hollywood FL 33020	Member	UN	954-926-5200	Fire Alarm Contractor	05/18/2005	05/18/2008	05/17/2011
	NOMINATED BY :							
8	Gary Ratay 5100 NW 33rd Ave Ste 157 Ft Lauderdale FL 33309	Member	EA	954-739-2233	Mechanical Engineer	06/03/1997	05/18/2006	05/17/2009
	NOMINATED BY :							
9	Lorraine Kasper 4641 NW 5th Ln Boca Raton FL 33431	Member	EA	561-750-0609	Resident Of Palm Beach County	05/14/1991	05/18/2007	05/17/2010
	NOMINATED BY :							

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ORDINANCE NO. 2008- 045

AN **ORDINANCE** OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING UPDATED THAT THE FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE SHALL BE DEEMED ADOPTED; **PROVIDING FOR LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA** FIRE PREVENTION CODE; REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE IV OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (CODIFYING ORDINANCE 2004-073) IN ITS ENTIRETY; **PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR** APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR Α SAVINGS CLAUSE: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 633, Florida Statutes, the State Fire Marshal has adopted by rule an updated statewide minimum firesafety code, known as the Florida Fire Prevention Code, which incorporates Florida editions of NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 633, Florida Statutes, requires local governments with firesafety responsibilities to enforce the Florida Fire Prevention Code as the minimum firesafety code; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 633, Florida Statutes, authorizes local governments to adopt more stringent local amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code which strengthen the requirements of the minimum firesafety code; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Fire Code Advisory Board has recommended that the Board of County Commissioners adopt local amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Article IV of the Palm Beach County Code (codifying Palm Beach County Ordinance 2004-073) is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety by the provisions set forth in this Ordinance and Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Sections 633.0215 and 633.025, Florida Statutes, the updated "Florida Fire Prevention Code" adopted by the State Fire Marshal in Rule Chapter 69A-60 of the Florida Administrative Code, as may be amended, including the Florida editions

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of NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, is deemed adopted by reference as the minimum firesafety code, and is hereby amended by the local amendments set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein. The local amendments adopted by this Ordinance shall be known as the "Palm Beach County Local Amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code." The updated Florida Fire Prevention Code as amended by the Palm Beach County Local Amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code as amended by the Palm Beach County Local Amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code may be hereinafter referred to as "this Code."

SECTION 3. Legislative Findings: The Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that the local amendments set forth in Appendix A are more stringent than the minimum firesafety code and strengthen the minimum firesafety code in accordance with Sections 633.025 and 633.0215, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 4. Applicability: The provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect in Palm Beach County within the boundaries of any Fire-Rescue municipal service taxing unit (MSTU) established by ordinance, and within any municipality that has entered into an interlocal agreement for fire protection services from Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue and enacted an ordinance to adopt the Palm Beach County Local Amendments within the municipality, unless otherwise provided by the interlocal agreement.

SECTION 5. Repeal of Laws in Conflict: Any laws or ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance which Palm Beach County is authorized to repeal are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. Savings Clause: Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 1 and 5 of this Ordinance, all provisions of Palm Beach County Ordinance 2004-073 (codified at Chapter 12, Article IV of the Palm Beach County Code) as originally enacted and amended are specifically preserved, and shall remain in full force and effect, for the limited purpose of enforcing any alleged violations of said law which occurred prior to its repeal or replacement.

SECTION 7. Severability: If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be

unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances: The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or any other appropriate word.

SECTION 9. Effective Date: The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on December 31, 2008.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, on the ______ day of ______, 2008.

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK BOARD OF COUNTY COMMENS Deputy Clerk All All A

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: V raron County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By:

Shelley Vana for John F. Koons Chairman

Filed with the Department of State on the 24th day of November, 2008.

Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments within thirty (30) days after the AHJ's issuance of a written order. Such appeal shall not be a hearing de novo. The appeal shall be limited to appellate review of the record created before the AHJ. The Board shall reverse the decision of the AHJ only if it determines that there is no substantial competent evidence to support the AHJ's decision.

If the written order of the AHJ or the Board of Appeals and Adjustments determines that the challenged Local Amendment or any part thereof does not comply with the applicable statutory requirements, then said Local Amendment or part thereof shall be deemed void effective as of the date of the written order. Such holding shall not affect the remainder of the Local Amendments or this Code.

The decision of the Board of Appeals and Adjustments shall be final action which may be appealed by the challenging party to the State Department of Financial Services in accordance with Section 633.025(4) (d), Florida Statutes.

1.10 Board of Appeals and Adjustments.

1.10.1 General. Whenever it is claimed that the provisions of this Code do not apply or have been misapplied, or when it is claimed that the true intent and meaning of this Code or any of the regulations there under have been misconstrued or misapplied, or when it is claimed that a decision is unreasonable or arbitrary as it applies to alternatives, the owner or his duly authorized agent may appeal the decision of the AHJ to the Board of Appeals and Adjustments. Notice of appeal shall be in writing and filed with the AHJ within thirty (30) days after the decision is rendered by the AHJ. Appeals shall be on forms provided by the AHJ.

1.10.2 Board of Appeals and Adjustments Created.

There is hereby created a Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments, herein after referred to as the "Board", consisting of nine (9) members who are qualified by training and experience to vary the application of the provisions of this code, and act on related matters, and to perform such other duties as established herein. The Board shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. All members must reside within Palm Beach County at the time of appointment and while serving on the Board and shall be qualified electors of Palm Beach County. The Board shall adopt rules and regulations for conducting its business. A quorum for said Board shall be 5 members of the Board. The AHJ shall designate a

representative to act as Secretary to the Board. Public Notice of all Board meetings shall be provided. All Board meetings shall be open to the public and shall comply with the applicable requirements of the Florida "Government in the Sunshine" and "Public Records" laws. Minutes shall be taken at each meeting.

1.10.3 Recommendations to Board of County Commissioners. The Board shall review this Code and make recommendations, in the form of specific amendments, to the Board of County Commissioners for corrections, additions, substitutions or deletions to said Code for the purposes of clarification, applicability, public safety, and changes in technology, so as to maintain this Code as an effective and responsive document.

1.10.4 Composition. The composition of the Board of Appeals and Adjustments shall be as follows:

- a. One (1) registered engineer, practicing in the mechanical field.
- b. One (1) registered engineer, practicing in the fire protection field.
- c. One (1) Florida or Palm Beach County certified general contractor.
- d. One (1) certified fire alarm contractor.
- e. One (1) certified fire sprinkler contractor.
- g. One (1) citizen of Palm Beach County, not eligible under other membership categories.
- h. One (1) registered architect.
- i. One (1) Palm Beach County municipal building official.
- j. One (1) Palm Beach County municipal fire service representative.

Where a member is required to be registered or certified, same shall be issued by the State of Florida unless otherwise specified.

1.10.5 Vote Calculation. Each member shall have a full vote.

1.10.6 Term. The members shall serve three (3) year terms. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve.

1.10.7 Removal/Absences. All members shall be subject to the rules, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, governing Board

participation and attendance.

1.10.8 Fire Code Advisory Board. When sitting solely in its advisory capacity, the Board shall be known as the Fire Code Advisory Board and shall be composed of the same members as the Board of Appeals and Adjustments. Persons appointed to the Board of Appeals and Adjustments shall be deemed to be likewise appointed to the Fire Code Advisory Board.

1.10.9 Procedures on Appeal.

1.10.9.1 Hearing. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal by the AHJ, a hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, with notice to the appellant, the AHJ, and the members of the Board, at least five (5) working days prior to said hearing. Special meetings may also be called by the Board provided that five (5) working days notice is given to both parties. If the applicant requires a special meeting to be called, the appeal fee shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Both the appellant and the AHJ, or their representatives, shall attend the hearing and may present evidence at same. The Board shall consider each appeal on its own merits and shall base its decision only on the evidence presented at said hearing.

1.10.9.2 Board Action. The Board, upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the votes present, shall either 1) affirm the decision of the AHJ; 2) modify the decision of the AHJ; or 3) reverse the decision of the AHJ and affirm the appellant's position. The Board's decision, with the reasons therefore, shall be transcribed in writing and a copy shall be mailed, by certified mail, to the appellant, within ten (10) days after the hearing. All such decisions shall be final, subject to judicial review as provided by law.

1.10.9.3 Tie Vote. In the event the Board is deadlocked in a tie vote, the appellant may request the Board to defer final action until the next regular meeting date or a specific date certain. The appellant shall be entitled to one (1) such deferral as of right. The matter shall be deferred and heard de novo, unless the majority then present at the time deferral is requested vote for the matter to be determined upon the record only at the upcoming hearing after deferral.

1.10.10 Decisions.

1.10.10.1 The Board shall provide for reasonable interpretation of the provisions of this Code and rule on appeals from decisions of the AHJ. The Board may approve an equivalent alternative in accordance with Section 1.4 of this Code.

1.10.10.2 Action. The Board shall, in every case, reach a decision without unreasonable or unnecessary delay. If a decision of the Board reverses or modifies a refusal, order, or disallowance of the AHJ, the AHJ shall immediately take action in accordance with such decision.

1.10.11 Fire Marshal Order Stayed, Exception. Pending the disposition of an appeal scheduled for hearing, the order or decision of the AHJ sought to be appealed shall be stayed unless the AHJ certifies under oath, based upon available data, that an extreme danger to life or property exists, warranting immediate compliance under this Code. Said certification must be included in the order and be filed with the Board within ten (10) days after the notice of appeal is filed.

1.10.12 Conflict Resolution

1.10.12.1 Any conflict between the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code and Life Safety Code as applied to a specific project shall be resolved in accordance with Section 553.73(10), Florida Statutes.

1.10.12.2 The Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments is hereby designated and authorized to perform the local administrative board functions set forth in Section 553.73(10), Florida Statutes. In accordance with Section 553.73(10), Florida Statutes, the duties and functions of the Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments shall include the following:

- a. To hear and render decisions in appeals of conflict decisions made jointly by the local AHJ and the local building official, in accordance with Section 553.73(10), Florida Statutes.
- b. To resolve conflicts between the building code and the fire code, in accordance with Section 553.73(10), Florida Statutes, in those instances where the local AHJ and the local building official are unable to agree on a resolution of said conflict.

1.10.12.3 If the County has, or does, designate another local board to perform the functions set out in Section 553.73(10), Florida Statutes, then said board and the Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments shall rotate the duty to fulfill the functions as set forth in this Section 1.10.12 and in Section 553.73(10), Florida Statutes, on an annual basis or as otherwise agreed to by the AHJ and the local building official.

1.10.12.4 Any conflict between the Building Code and the Fire Code that involves the County's local amendments to either Code shall likewise be resolved in the manner set forth in Section 553.73(10), Florida Statutes, and this Section 1.10.12.

1.10.13 Additional Powers and Functions. The Board of Appeals and Adjustments is hereby authorized and empowered to: 1) hear and rule upon appeals from orders of the AHJ in Local Amendment challenges brought pursuant to Section 633.025(4) (d), Florida Statutes, and in accordance with Section 1.7.19 of this Code; 2) hear and rule upon appeals from decisions of the AHJ relating to false alarms as set forth in Section 10.7.6 of this code; 3) perform any other functions authorized for the Board by this Code.

1.10.14 Fireworks Board of Appeals. The members of the Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments shall serve ex-officio as members of the Fireworks Board of Appeals and perform the functions of that Board, all as set forth in Palm Beach County Ordinance No. 2004-020, as it may be amended from time to time.

1.10.15 Any decision of the Fire Code Board of Appeals and Adjustments shall be final and reviewable in the manner and within the time provided by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure only by a petition for writ of certiorari filed with the Circuit Court in Palm Beach County.

1.12 Permits and Approvals.

1.12.19.4 Any permit authorized to be issued by the AHJ pursuant to this Code shall be subject to immediate suspension, revocation or denial by the AHJ upon the AHJ's determination that conditions exist which make the permitted activity imminently dangerous to life or property. The AHJ's order immediately suspending or revoking a permit shall cite with particularity the facts supporting the suspension or revocation. The suspension or revocation shall be effective immediately upon notice to the permittee at the location indicated on the permittee's application. Upon such immediate suspension or revocation of a permit, the permittee shall be entitled to appeal the decision of the AHJ at a subsequent hearing of the Board of Appeals and Adjustments. Upon the Board's receipt of a written notice requesting a hearing with respect to an immediate permit suspension or revocation, the Board shall set such a hearing for a date no later than five (5) working days from the Board's receipt of the written notice. The Board's written decision shall be mailed by certified mail to the permittee within two (2) working days after the hearing. In all other respects, the procedures of



The Honorable Jeff Koons, Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

To:

From: Herman Brice, Administrator Fire-Rescue Department

Date: April 2, 2009

Subject: Fire Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals

The Fire Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals is an advisory board appointed by the County Commission to review the Fire Code, hear appeals, and make recommendations to the Commission on fire and life safety issues. This Board, established in 1984, is required by the County Fire Code, Palm Beach County Ordinance 2008-045.

Each position on the Board is representative from a segment of the fire protection community. The following three members' terms will expire on May 17, 2009.

Name	Industry	Term
Kenneth Loihle	Building Official	3 years
Robert Farmer	Sprinkler Representative	3 years
Gary Ratay	Mechanical Engineer	3 years

Mr. Loihle and Mr. Ratay have advised that they will not be able to continue serving on the board. Mr. Farmer is being replaced due to lack of attendance. Additionally, Mr. Ed Oliver, Architect whose term does not expire until May 17, 2011 has moved out of Palm Beach County and is no longer eligible to serve on the Board.

The American Fire Sprinkler Association has nominated Mr. Mark Galavan of Wiginton Fire System's as the Sprinkler Representative. Mr. Jack Tomasik, Village of Wellington Building Official has agreed to sit on the Board as the Building Official Representative. The American Institute of Architects Palm Beach has nominated Mr. Ronald Goodstein as the Architect Representative. The Florida Engineering Society has nominated Mr. Jason R. Lee, P.E. of Kimley-Horn and Associates as the Mechanical Engineer Representative.

If you would like to nominate the above listed applicants please sign the attached Advisory Board Nomination Forms. If you would like to make a nomination for appointment or reappointment please forward the information to the office of Deputy Chief Randy Sheppard, Palm Beach County Fire Marshal. Please submit your nominations by April 10, 2009.

Thank you for your interest and assistance in this appointment process. If there are any questions reference this process, please contact Chief Randy Sheppard at 616-7030 or my office at 616-7001.

Attachment: Board Appointment Information Form

cc: Randall K. Sheppard, Fire Marshal

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