

LINN COUNTY PLUMBING BOARD OF APPEALS

Jean Oxley Public Service Center
935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

MINUTES

Tuesday December 14, 2021

The Linn County Building Board of Appeals met at the Jean Oxley Public Service Center, Formal Board Room, 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2021.

PRESENT:	Bret Brecke, Chair Brian Rogers, Vice Chair Al Varney
ABSENT:	Steve Kleiman
STAFF:	Luke Maloney, Building Official Matt Ruff, Senior Combination Inspector Cathy Coppess, Recording Secretary

Election of Officers

Brecke nominates Rogers for 2021 Board Chair. Varney seconds the nomination. All present vote in favor.

Rogers nominates Brecke for 2021 Board Vice-Chair. Varney seconds the nomination. All present vote in favor.

Old Business

None

New Business

Amendments to Linn County Code of Ordinances, Article V of Chapter 105 Linn County Plumbing Regulations

Maloney discussed the amendments to the Administrative section of the Linn County Ordinances. The intent of the amendment is to be in line with the State Plumbing Code and to achieve more formality with each of our ordinances. Maloney stated he is still working with the County Attorney for the exact wording. There was a section added for conflicts to protect Linn County by enforcing the most strict ordinance.

Rogers asked for clarification on the adoption of the Linn County Ordinance as it is adopting the State of Iowa Plumbing Code with amendments by the UPC, specifically section 101 & 102 of the State Plumbing Code was the only sections adopted. Maloney stated the entire Administrative section was adopted because Linn County's Ordinance does not include an Administrative section. Linn County fully intends to use the State Code, but it will also include our own amendments to that to create our

own Administrative section. Rogers has concerns with language of the amendment in that it may not be worded to reflect what Linn County's intent is. Maloney stated he will have the County Attorney verify the wording for so it is adopted properly. Maloney informed the Board if the language is changed, he will send any changes to the Board members for their review.

Maloney stated the most significant changes are that our local amendments will change to be the State amendments so they mirror the State's minimum standards and also the deletion of section 105-69, subpart C for licensing since we do not issue licenses, we only verify them.

There was further discussion of several amendments & Maloney explained what each of the amendments are intended to do.

Brecke asked which cities Linn County currently contracts with. Maloney informed them of the eight cities that Linn County has 28E contracts with to provide building services only and the timeline of when those contracts began.

Varney asked for the definition of a wet space in a curbless shower. Maloney states that section is meant to align with all other constructions codes. Maloney gave two examples of wet locations, light fixtures and tempered glass. Varney also asked for clarification on fixture count and Maloney explained the State's language is that the amendment is to refer to the IPC.

Maloney stated there is not a significant changes book at this time and Rogers stated that he has a presentation of significant changes that he can provide. Maloney stated that would be very helpful to put the amendments in a final draft.

Brecke made a motion to approve the proposed updates, second by Rogers All present voting aye.

Rogers	Aye
Varney	Aye
Brecke	Aye

Approval of Minutes

All present voting aye to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2018 Building Board of Appeals meeting.

Other Business

There was discussion on holding semi-annual meetings. The purpose of the first meeting would be for elections, board responsibilities and for staff job duties. The second meeting would be to discuss topics of interest and any changes at the State level. All present agreed it would be beneficial. Maloney stated he will verify if informal meetings are allowed or if a quorum would need to be present.

Board Comments

Brecke asked for contact information for all Planning & Zoning staff as well as Board members. Maloney provided the board with staff email information, but is checking with legal on sharing other Board members' emails.

Rogers stated the importance of staying informed and volunteered to set up future trainings. Maloney stated this would be very beneficial and would like to see this happen.

Staff Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Cathy Coppess, Recording Secretary

Approved,


Brian Rogers, Chair