



MEMORANDUM

TO: Austin City Council Members

FROM: Frank Haught, Board Chair, Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

DATE: March 14, 2013

RE: Board's Recommendation to adopt the Visitability Stakeholders Group language and include with the proposed code adoption of the 2012 International Residential Code (City Code 25-12-241, Section R322 Accessibility).

Timeline - Stakeholder Process

2/27/13 2nd Public Hearing at the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals. The Board heard testimony from numerous stakeholders. Board voted unanimously and recommends adoption of the language proposed by the Visitability Stakeholder Group and City staff. The new language will amend the current local amendments of the *Residential Code* (City Code 25-12-241, Section R322 Accessibility).

12/19/12 1st Public Hearing at the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals. The Board heard testimony from numerous stakeholders regarding the proposed language. The Board postponed the public hearing and directed staff to reorganize the language. Staff also separated the Visitability language from the proposed 2012 International Residential Code in an effort to move that code forward to adoption.


11/28/12 Visitability Stakeholder Group met at the Home Builders Association office.

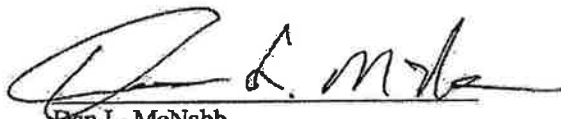
10/22/12 Visitability Stakeholder Group met at the Home Builders Association office.

8/15/12 Visitability Stakeholder Group attended a Visitability briefing at the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (AMCPD) at City Hall.

7/30/12 Visitability Stakeholder Group met at the Home Builders Association office.

6/28/12 City staff held the initial Visitability Stakeholder meeting at 505 Barton Springs Rd. A Stakeholder Group was created to discuss and finalize code language on visitability. Stakeholders included Dolores Gonzalez (Board liaison for AMCPD), Jesus Lardizabal (Board Chair for AMCPD), Stuart Hersh, Harry Savio (HBA), Mitch Schwartz, and numerous volume builders including Meritage Homes, DR Horton, Streetman Homes, Pulte Homes, KB Homes, and David Weekly Homes. City staff included Dan McNabb and Tony Hernandez (PDRD Building Inspections), and Ron Menard (PDRD Commercial Plan Review).


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