



**Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals  
Approved Minutes**

**Board Meeting  
May 24, 2023**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals met in a Regular Called Meeting on March 24, 2023

Board Member, Schumann called the meeting to order at 1:56 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Ashley Juraska, Alan Schumann, Ben Abzug, Ron Buys, Gary Wilks and Jim Rumbo

**Board Members Not in Attendance:** Aubrey Brasfield

**Staff in Attendance:** Rick Arzola (DSD), Tony Hernandez (DSD), Lisa Martinez (DSD)

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the **March 22, 2023**, Regular Called meeting were approved as written. Board member Wilks made a motion to accept the minutes as written, board member Schumann second the motion. Motion pass 6-0

**DISCUSSION:**

2. **Safe Fence Regulations-** Development Services staff Tony Hernandez updated the board that staff attended the planning commission and received approval of the safe fence regulations with 3 significant changes. Those changes included (a) fences facing the street, a request to minimize the height to 60 inches (b) eliminate historical fences to comply with this requirement and (c) how the fences are measured by overall height.

As for the changes that the Building and Fire board wanted, to include all fences, boards from the planning commission and Codes and Ordinances Joint committee (COJC) all wanted the change to include all fences as well.

Highlights of the proposed amendments, Section 9-4-41 restriction on use of barbed wire will be deleted and implemented into section 25-2-899 (D), where the height will be measured by a solid fence that is constructed along a property line that may not exceed a height of 7ft, measure from the natural grade up, which was rejected by the planning commission and wants it revised to 6 foot, less inch slope and will be able to do a 7ft height.

Proposed changes, a fence may not include spiked fences, vertical pickets above top horizontal backer rail, razor like wire, barbed wire, unless fence is enclosing an airport or other landing area for aircraft and any element that creates substantial risk of entrapment.

This would apply to all fences for more than 50% that is determined by total linear distance of existing fence. Exemptions only to historic design and fences of 6ft in height and located in property that is non-residential use and other requirements include solid chain link with knuckle salvage and swimming pool barrier shall comply with chapter 25-12 Article 14.

- 3 **2023 Code Adoption Process-** Development Service staff Tony Hernandez tells the board that I-codes will still be enforced in the 2024 code adoption process and hopes to have the codes implemented sometime in 2024. The process takes about a year and the I-codes will be available sometime in October of this year. The plan is still to cut back as much as possible on the amendments and go back to model code and would like to request 2 board members to participate in workgroup sessions for the IBC, IEBC and IRC. The planned start time for this will be around July or August.

- 4 **FUTURE AGEND ITEMS:**

1. No Agenda items proposed at this meeting at this time.

- 5 **ADJOURN** – Without objection, Chairman Schumann adjourned the meeting a 2:27 pm.

The minutes were approved at the August 23, 2023 meeting on Rumbo motion, Juraska second the motion on a 6-0 vote. Board member Schumann was absent.