



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

(Official Name of Board or Commission)

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

City Code § 2-1-121 Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals.

(C) The board shall:

- (1) Review any appeals filed in accordance with Title 25 (*Land Development*); and
- (2) Hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the building official relating to the application and interpretations of the Building Code, the Residential Code, and Fire Code.

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

- During the 2022-2023 year, the board met 3 times.
1/25/2023, 3/22/2023 and 5/24/2023
- Board approved with action item to approve the 2023 Board Schedule.
- Consider a recommendation to council on Safe Fencing regulations resolution. Staff to establish a workgroup with board members to discuss acceptable language prior to accepting the recommendation.
- Board approved an action item Chair and Vice Chair nominations.
- Discussion with Austin Fire Department on Planned Use Development (PUD's) in relation to the Land development code.

- Discussion with the Building Official on accountability of General contracting license.
- Discussion with Austin Fire Department on adopting NFPA-150-Animal Housing Facility. Amendments to the current code are possibilities.
- Discussion on the adoption of the 2024 International Codes: IBC, IEC, IRC, IECC and IFC

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

This board does comply with the mission statement and reviews appeals and determinations related to the Building Code, the Fire Code, and other technical codes, which is what helps make Austin one of the most livable cities. The Board understands the importance of the appeals filed and the importance of their recommendations to council and has been successful in fulfilling this obligation.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

- This Board will continue to hear any appeals presented to the board.
- Review any Code Amendments related to the adopted codes.
- Review any City Rules related to construction.