

## **International Code Council Government Relations Update – March 2016**

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### **Preliminary 2015 Group A Online Governmental Consensus Vote Results Available.**

The 2015 Group A Online Governmental Consensus Vote was conducted Feb. 8-21 and the preliminary results are available. This document is presented in response to requests for Group A results information as it may relate to 2016 Group B code change submittals that are due to be posted on March 8. These results are not final as they are subject to certification by the Validation Committee and confirmation by the ICC Board in accordance with Section 10.1 of CP 28 *Code Development*. The 2015 Group A Final Action results, including vote tallies from both the Public Comment Hearing and OGCV, will be posted following certification in accordance with Section 10.4 of CP 28. View the preliminary results here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/Group-A-Preliminary-OGCV-Results.pdf>

### **Interim Solution for 2016 Voter Validation Delay**

The *Electronic Voter Validation* site has been closed to ensure the 2015 voter rosters remain in the database until the Group A Online Governmental Consensus Vote is completed on February 21. In the meantime, we have developed an easy-to-use online form where you can record your **2016 Governmental Member Voting Representative information**. ICC staff will use this information to update your Governmental Member roster as soon as the Group A vote has concluded. You can access the form at [www.iccsafe.org/evds](http://www.iccsafe.org/evds).

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact ICC Member Services at [members@iccsafe.org](mailto:members@iccsafe.org) or call us at 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233) x33804.

### **Still Time to Register for the 2016 Committee Action Hearings!**

Register now for the International Code Council's 2016 Committee Action Hearings, April 17–27 in Louisville, Ky. Your expertise is needed! The Committee Action Hearings are free to attend and offer code and fire officials, architects, builders, engineers, designers, and energy conservation professionals an opportunity to provide input on proposed code changes to the 2018 *Group B International Codes*. Click here for the registration page: [http://media.iccsafe.org/2016\\_MarComm/2016\\_CAH/index.html](http://media.iccsafe.org/2016_MarComm/2016_CAH/index.html)

### **Group B Hearing Schedule Now Available**

The schedule for the 2016 Group B Committee Action Hearings, April 17-27, in Louisville, Ky., is now available for download here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/2016-Group-B-CAH-Hearing-Schedule.pdf>. The Group B *International Codes* include administrative provisions for all codes, the structural chapters in the *International Building and Existing Building Codes*, the building and energy chapters in the *International Residential Code*, and all chapters in the *International Fire, Energy Conservation Code and Wildland-Urban Interface Codes*. To participate in the Online Governmental Consensus Vote which follows the hearings, ICC Governmental Memberships must be current by March 18. Details are available at [www.iccsafe.org/EVDS](http://www.iccsafe.org/EVDS).

### **Can Your Chapter Proclaim 2016 Building Safety Month?**

The International Code Council's (ICC) theme for 2016 Building Safety Month, a public safety awareness campaign celebrated in May, is *Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety*. As always, ICC strives to gain official proclamations nationwide from the President of the United States, state governors, mayors and other elected officials. But your chapter can add its voice, too, to show your support for the cause of nationwide public safety. Over 40 chapters have already made proclamations that you can see here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/proclamations/>, so add yours today! A sample proclamation is included on the next page.

**ICC's fire service chapters are in a friendly competition to see who can return the most proclamations.**



# *Proclamation*

**Building Safety Month — May, 2016**

*Whereas, our Chapter's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound, and;*

*Whereas, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;*

*Whereas, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and;*

*Whereas, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;*

*Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings, and;*

*Whereas, "Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety" the theme for Building Safety Month 2016, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2016 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, and,*

*Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential*

*service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapter of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, we encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.*

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*Signature*

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*Date*