

IRC Committee Hearing # 2 Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2022

2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

City and County of Denver

1. Roll Call – Quorum achieved.

Committee Member	In Attendance?
Mark Hanlon	X
David Lawrence Berton	
Austin Krcmarik	X
Kate Hilberg	X
Mikaela Firnhaber	
Paul Wisniewski	X
Brian Jacobs	
Casey Vesque	X
Robert Pruett	X

2. Discussion and voting on **IRC**

a. [#P24.6](#) IRC R702.7 - Vapor retarders

- Support
 - Nathan Skrdla: Sets it up for our climate zone and makes the most sense for Denver
- Opposition
 - N/A
- Committee Questions
 - N/A
- Committee Comments
 - Kate H: Motion to approve as modified. Austin seconds.
- Motion: Motion to approve as modified
- **Vote: Passes** (5 for, 0 against, 1 abstentions)

b. [#18](#) IRC R302.1 FSD for gutters

- Support
 - N/A
- Opposition

- N/A
 - Committee Questions/Comments
 - Motion: Motion to Approve as submitted
 - **Vote: Passed** (6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)
- c. [#79b](#) IRC R331 - Low-volatile organic compound (VOC) materials
- Support
 - N/A
 - Opposition
 - N/A
 - Committee Questions/Comments
 - Paul W: Why did this get shot down in IBC?
 - Kristen: Language was confusing so we cleaned it up for clarity. And the CDPH is a common reference standard used in LEED.
 - Austin K: For the CA standard, and we link to an outside standard and it changes, how does it impact if that changes?
 - Shaunna: Normally if you reference the standard as an addition you can add a date so that it is specific and it can be updated. The dates would be in Ch 44, not in the code language.
 - Kristen: We will want the most recent standard of Green Seal or Greenguard.
 - Support (Rebuttal)
 - N/A
 - Opposition (Rebuttal)
 - N/A
 - Motion: Include modification to reference standard years. Motion to approve as modified.
 - **Vote: PASSES** (4 for, 2 against, 0 abstentions)

d. [#P13](#) IRC R403.1.4.1 Frost protection

- Support
 - N/A
- Opposition
 - N/A
- Committee Questions/Comments
 - Austin K: Is the frost line always 36 inches in Denver? If yes can we just call that out?
 - Glenn: Yes, it is a typical of a model code but we could include it.
- Support (Rebuttal)
 - N/A
- Opposition (Rebuttal)
 - N/A
- Motion: Add “frost line of 36” instead of table reference. Motion to approve as modified
- **Vote: Passed** (6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

e. [#19](#) IRC R403.1.4.1 Frost protection

- Support
- Opposition
 - N/A
- Committee Questions/Comments
 - Austin: Why does it matter if it is a one pour rather than two?
 - Glenn: Risk of failure
- Support (Rebuttal)
 - N/A
- Opposition (Rebuttal)
 - N/A
- Motion: Motion to as submitted
- **Vote: PASSES** (5 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions)

f. [#6](#) IRC R311.7 Stairway exception

- Support

- N/A

- Opposition

- N/A

- Committee Questions

- Kate: This is only stairways have something to do with egress?
 - Glenn: This would now apply to any stairway on the property.
- Kate: Yes Denver is a more urban environment, but not everywhere. If any existing resident decides to add an addition, would they have to bring their other stairs on the property?
 - Glenn: No this is only newly construction stairways on the property.
- Paul: This appears to point to non-habitable areas, do the pull down stairs from an attic need to be full stairs in that case
 - Glenn: It would not need to be full stairs from non-habitable stairways.
- Austin: Would this change anything in historic homes? (Butler stairs, etc. or modifications to the historic character
 - Glenn: Not addressed in model code, and it is not affected by this proposal.

- Support (Rebuttal)

- N/A

- Opposition (Rebuttal)

- N/A

- Motion: Motion to disapprove due to this taking away discretion from landscape designer and architect seen as a use for a nicer environment with landings.

- Casey: This will cause confusion and too strict on mandating on the

requirements for places it can be extended to the backyards.

- **Vote: PASSED FOR DISAPPROVAL** (5 for, 0 against, 1 abstentions)

g. [#P35](#) IRC R327 pool barrier

- Support
 - N/A
- Opposition
 - N/A
- Committee Questions/Comments
 - N/A
- Motion: Motion to approve as submitted
- **Vote: PASSED**(5 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions)

h. [#13](#) IRC R401.4 Soil report policy into code

- Support
 - N/A
- Opposition
 - N/A
- Committee Questions/Comments
 - N/A
- Motion: Motion to Approve as Submitted
- **Vote: PASSED**(5 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions)