

# Planning Commission

*Notice: This meeting will be recorded.*

*Starting at 7 p.m.*

*June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024*



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## International Code Council (ICC)

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- ▶ The ICC is “the premier building safety solutions provider”
- ▶ It is a Non-Profit, non-stock corporation
  - organized as a 501(C)(6)
- ▶ Based in America!
  - Offices in Birmingham Alabama, Chicago, LA, and Washington DC (HQ)
- ▶ Corporate bylaws are publicly available on their website

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## International Code Council

- ▶ The ICC was formed in 1994
  - Codes became effective in 2004
- ▶ With the goal of developing a single set of national model construction codes throughout the US.
- ▶ Combined three different organizations:
  1. Building Officials and Code Administrators International (BOCA)
  2. International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO)
  3. Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI)

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## International Code Council

- ▶ ICC was formed at the request of the stakeholders of the building industries in order to develop a single set of national codes.
- ▶ These codes are intended to be coordinated, consistent, and comprehensive
  - Construction
  - Fire
  - Energy Codes

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## International Code Council

- ▶ How is the ICC run?
- ▶ There are 63 members on the **Board of Directors**
  - 51 American representatives (one for each state + DC)
  - 10 Canadian representatives (one for each province)
  - 1 representative for Mexico
  - 1 representative for the Caribbean

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## International Code Council

- ▶ Who are members of the ICC?
  - ▶ 64,000 individual members
    - Architects
    - Engineers
    - Contractors
    - Manufactures
    - Government Officials
    - Students
  - ▶ There are ICC members from 41 countries

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## International Code Council

- ▶ What does the ICC do?
  - Training and education
  - Personal certification
  - Product evaluation and certification
  - Content management and digitization
  - Technical support and consulting services
  - Accreditation

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## International Code Council

- ▶ So lets talk about building codes....

There is no central government authority with responsibility for a national building code.

Building codes are developed through a public-private partnership led by the ICC.

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## International Code Council

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- ▶ **Consensus decision-making process**
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  2. Code changes posted publicly
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  6. Public Comments posted publicly
  7. Public Comments Hearing
  8. NEW EDITION PUBLISHED

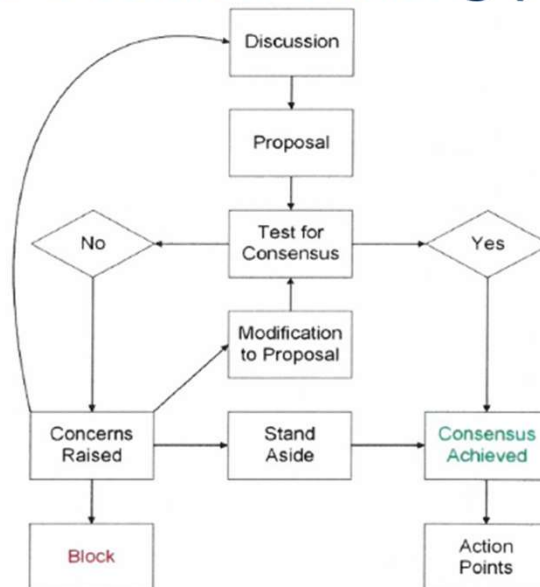
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## ICC operating foundations

- ▶ Free Open Forums
- ▶ Decision Transparency
- ▶ Representation of Interests
- ▶ Due Process
- ▶ Appeals Process
- ▶ Majority Consensus

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## International Code Council

- ▶ When a new code is published
  - Individual jurisdictions decide on their own what codes are adopted.
  - Washington State adopts a set of codes
    - Woodland adopts that set...
    - **PLUS any additional codes it wants.**

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## State of Washington

- ▶ State Building Code Council (SBCC)
  - Independently advises the legislature and governor on building code matters.
  
- ▶ RCW 17.27.070 created SBCC
  
- ▶ SBCC recommends applicable codes for the state

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## State of Washington

- ▶ State Building Code Council (SBCC)
  - 15 council members
    - 5 Ex-Officio council members (2 D, 2 R, 1 NP)
  - 4 Technical Advisory Groups
    - Fire code
    - Building code
    - Plumbing, Mechanical, and Ventilation
    - Energy Code, Commercial

State adopts RCWs. (RCW 19.27 State Building Code)

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## City of Woodland

- ▶ WMC 14.04 International Building, Property Maintenance, & Related Codes Adopted
- ▶ Most recently adopted February 20, 2024
- ▶ Ordinance 1554
- ▶ Utilizes the 2021 code books

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## City of Woodland

- ▶ Retooling Our Code – 2024 batch (Attachment A) included:

### **17.08.865 – Yards, types and measurements.**

"Yard" means an open, unoccupied space, other than a court (as defined in the [Uniform International Building Code](#)), unobstructed from the ground to the sky, except where specifically provided by this code, on the lot on which a building is situated. (Refer to Figure 17.08 E.)

For all practical purposes, our definition incorporates a definition that does not exist.

Correcting this definition will not remove any local decision making authority.

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## International Code Council

In summary:

American company

Develops code in partnership with industry & regulators

Transparent process

Consensus technical review (overcoming all opposition)

Majority vote by members for applicability

Washington State establishes minimum codes

Every jurisdiction has autonomy to adopt safer codes

Questions?