

West Virginia Fire Marshal Response to Comments of The Standards For The Certification And Continuing Education Of Municipal, County, And Other Public Sector Building Code Officials, Building Code Inspectors And Plans Examiners, 103-06

BACKGROUND

The Fire Marshal has been given authority to promulgate this Rule, pursuant to a statutory shift passed in SB 586, during the 2020 legislative session. The Marshal is proposing a revision to the rule, to bring the rule into compliance with newly passed legislation, in HB 4308, and to perform technical clean up pursuant to SB 586.

Prior to the Marshal's initial filing of the Rule, a stakeholder meeting was held at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, via teleconference on May 17, 2020, and on June 11, 2020, and, along with members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the lists of attendees is attached as addendum 1 to this document. The proposed rule was reviewed, and revisions made, prior to the initial filing with the Secretary of State for comment.

During the public comment period, the Fire Marshal received written comments from one entity, each was considered by the Marshal. The response is outlined as follows:

- 1) The Home Builders Association of West Virginia requests that field experience be required of journeyman electricians to be allowed to perform electrical inspections in one and two family dwellings.

Answer: The Marshal has amended the rule in section 3.1.b.4.

Technical clean-up was made to the Rule.

This summarizes the topics upon which comments were made to the West Virginia State Fire Marshal on the topic of the proposed rule, The Standards For The Certification And Continuing Education Of Municipal, County, And Other Public Sector Building Code Officials, Building Code Inspectors And Plans Examiners, 103-06.

May 17th 2019

Stakeholders Meeting 2020 103CSR 6

Sign In Sheet

1. Drew D. Cantor - City of Morgantown Code Enf.
2. Kelly A. Bragg - WV Office of Energy
3. John Brumley - Home Builder W.V.
4. KAREN LASKI - WV OFFICE OF ENERGY
5. REGINA SKEEN - HBANW
6. Tony Harmon city of Chas.
7. Dilly Smith city of Chas.
8. TED SHRIVER STATE FIRE COMMISSION / AIA-WV
9. JACK LAMISAR WV IAEI
10. Danny Brickles City of Hurricane - WV IAEI
11. DALE A OXLEY Home Builders Assoc. Mt. Cen
12. Susan Economou - WV Municipal League
13. Tim Conner CES
14. LAURA WYNN - RECA -
15. David Mann - ACE
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July 1, 2020

West Virginia Fire Marshal

Attn: Commissioner Ken Tyree

1207 Quarrier Street

Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Commissioner Tyree,

This letter is in response to the notice to review a proposed update to the rule based on the need to address the Building Code Official - Electrical Inspector requirements. We also understand that this rule will have a 103 title series and now falls under the state Fire Marshal.

Our position based on the feedback from our members is that the journeyman license is adequate on 1 and 2 family dwellings only for an electrical inspector, however our members would like to see minimal field experience to be required prior to obtaining an inspector's license.

Respectively yours,

W. Kent Pauley, HBAWV President

cc: Mike Stone, Chief Code Enforcement Officer
City of Morgantown

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