Hello All,

As I prepare to start the first of many addresses for this upcoming year, I find myself challenged to provide purpose and education in each of my articles. I enjoy being able to research a topic and relate what I find from that research. By the time this reaches you the ABM will have come and gone and you will have had the great pleasure of learning more about how to ensure a safe built environment.

The Utah State Legislature has begun long before our conference in St. George will happen. I have found that watching each day as more bills are numbered that the amount of work is daunting at capital hill. Even though I primarily watch for bills that affect us in the building industry I often find others that perk my interest. Such as those that deal with traffic violations or hunting/fishing and public land access. Those may not affect my profession directly on a day to day basis but may affect me as I pursue hobbies or try to get to work in the early morning hours. Such as the possibility of moving through a red light once I have determined it safe and have waited the appropriate amount of time to proceed. Another is if I had a helicopter and a ranch, I could pursue a permit to hunt non-game species from the air (coyotes).

Normally this is only allowed by contracted individuals with the Division of Natural Resources (I currently do not have either but interesting anyways).

Now to the meat of the article. There are several bills moving forward that we should be aware of. First HB 54 sponsored by Rep. Dunnigan adopts the International Fire Code 2018 edition with amendments. Most of the amendments deal with the “Assisted Living Facilities” that we have already largely had in place for years and adds provisions for residential solar voltaic systems. Effective date July 1, 2019. This bill has passed and is waiting for signature.

Next we have HB 142 by Rep. Snider. This bill sets up the ability to bring in standards for mass timber products which have been considered and passed for the 2021 IBC. This gives the UBCC the requirement to make recommendations to the Business and Labor Interim Committee for consideration.

The biggest impact bill for us is HB 218 from Rep. Schultz. This is the adoption of the 2018 IBC and others excluding the IRC other than appendix Q for tiny homes. As always there are amendments tied to this bill. It includes the same language as
found in HB 54 dealing with assisted living facilities for consistency, energy code provisions for multifamily and the air change requirements maintaining at 5 air changes per hour, allowance of gas lines to be run in common walls or attics of multifamily as well as other penetrations and emphasizes the requirement to provide a code reference while providing an inspection correction report if requested.

Another bill dealing mostly with planning but may affect you for occupancy certificate issuance is HB 315 sponsored by Rep. Wilde. This would restrict the holding of an occupancy certificate if all life safety items have been resolved in compliance with the relevant building code and fire code as long as the unfinished items have been bonded for.

Last years’ HB 346 called the “plan review bill” still has many of you trying to figure out exactly what is expected. This gave us the magic numbers of 14 and 21 pending if we have one-and-two family building or multifamily projects. The intent of the bill was to remove the initial plan review aspect and give us a total time in our hands, as long as no substantive changes were needed, to approve the plans and issue the permit. This has been challenging to determine whether what we are considering to be substantive is really necessary to cause a redraw. We are working with UABO (Utah Association of Building Officials) to provide a list that would be helpful to determine what is substantive or just a redline comments. Hopefully this will be available in the near future. One suggestion that has come out of this is to provide a corrections list from the plan review that breaks out the substantive items versus what are redline comments. This will ensure that redline comments are not automatically assumed to be redraw items that are insignificant, such as a missing receptacle or GFCI that is not labeled. This will help show that we are not requiring a plan to be redrawn due to these simple items and that a structural defect is all that need to be addressed for example. If you have suggestions regarding our plan review process and substantive review list please send them my way.

As always, be safe and smile.  

Jason Van Ausdal  
President - Utah Chapter
Hello Utah Chapter members,

My name is Rob Durfee and I want to thank you for electing me to the Utah Chapter of the ICC board. I look forward to serving the membership and learning more about the organization. I am excited to work under Jason for the next year and hope to learn from the great members that are currently on the board. I was assigned to the government relations committee and the education committee, I have already started with the government relations committee attending the C.O.L.A meeting on Wednesday at the capital, and they have been interesting.

I began my career with Salt Lake County in 1997 in the public works department. After suffering a back injury I was placed in Planning and Development services for light duty work in 2006. During my year in that department I learned how to do residential plan review and some smaller commercial plan reviews, I also obtained my first two ICC certifications.

In 2007 I left Salt Lake County and went to work for Sandy City, I was hired by Scott Marsell to be a code enforcement officer. I enjoyed my time doing this job and made great relationships with many cities and towns around Utah and the western United States. I became an active member of the Utah Ordinance and Compliance Association. I served as 2nd vice and almost 3 years as President of the UOCA.

I also became involved in American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE), I served as the northwest region adviser over six states.

In 2012 I changed positions at Sandy and became a building inspector, I began as a residential inspector and have worked my way into now helping with some commercial as needed, I really enjoy the challenge of being an inspector. My favorite inspections are the ones that pass the first time (ha-ha). I have enjoyed having town home projects that are assigned to me from start to finish and I also enjoy doing solar inspections.

I am happily married to the love of my life Sherry, we have three great boys; Devin (21), Chase (17) and Austin (12). I am an avid golfer though I’m not very good at it. I have been a baseball umpire for close to 20 years at all levels up to college. I am also a football referee up to High School. I had my knee replaced about 12 weeks ago and am hopeful to return to both football and baseball soon. I am currently the president of West Jordan Copper Hills Little league baseball. I guess I should have said I have about 1,000 kids not just three. I also am President of River Oaks Golf League, I do this for the free golf so I can play golf with my dad and our Tuesday night buddies. I try to live life to the fullest and have been told by my closest of friends that I do too much. I just hope someday it’s worth it.

I look forward to getting the opportunity to meet you all this year.

Rob Durfee
Utah Chapter ICC
Congratulations
Brent Ursenbach
2019 Jess Miller Award Recipient
Celebrating women in construction

Common firestop code violations
2015 IRC Work Study Group

Tuesday April 2nd, 2019
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

* TWO LOCATIONS *

SANDY CITY HALL
10000 S Centennial Pkwy
Sandy, Ut
Conference Room Suite 210

IRON COUNTY VISITORS CENTER
581 N Main St
Cedar City, Ut
West Conference Room

Bring your own lunch!

CEU's NOT Included

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