

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**  
City of Cape Girardeau  
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February 10, 2011

The Board of Appeals met on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, at 401 Independence Street.

Members Present: Dave Pfeiffer, Dave Alberson, Tony Sebek,  
Farris Nabors, Joe Burton, Paul Grebe,  
Melanie Cantrell and Mike Annis (alternate).

Members Absent: Tom Phillips (alternate).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dave Alberson and the roll was called.

Motion was made by Tony Sebek to accept the minutes from the January 13, 2010 meeting; Farris Nabors seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0 in favor.

### **Discussion of 2009 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.**

Chairman Dave Alberson opened the discussion of the 2009 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code. The board had requested information in the January meeting from the Fire Department, regarding the areas in the city that this would be pertaining to, with the adoption of the code.

Fire Marshal, Brian Shaffer is present to answer any questions the board may have regarding this code. Brian indicated the areas would be Bloomfield and the Juden areas, he does not have the acreage information for these areas. The states of Utah and Colorado are prone to wild fire events, so this code benefits those states. The board asked if the adopting of this code would only apply to the city limits of Cape Girardeau. Tony Sebek asked Brian Shaffer if the Fire Department was recommending adopting the 2009 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code. Brian indicated the Fire Department would like the code to be adopted, but it will have little interface with our situation. Ken Eftink indicated the only history is grass fires and the code would not prevent this type of fires since it is not a major problem.

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Tony Sebek made a motion to review all the codes and at the final meeting make a recommendation of each code. Farris Nabors seconded the motion; the motion passed 8-0 in favor.

### **Discussion of 2009 International Fire Code.**

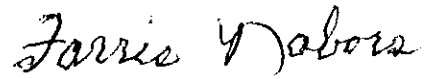
Fire Marshal Brian Shaffer will be presenting the 2009 International Fire Code to the board; he has given the board a memo of the changes from the 2003 to the 2009 International Fire Code. Chapters 7 through 9 will be used for plan review. Chapter 8 Interior Finish, Decorative Materials and Furnishing will rarely impact general contractors; it will greatly assist fire department personnel in testing materials for combustibility. In Chapter 9 Fire Protection Systems, in the 2003 code the A-2 use group for 5,000 square feet or more requires sprinkler systems for an occupant load of 300 or more. In the 2009 code the occupant load has been changed to 100. The 2003 code did not require automatic sprinkler systems in use group B, the new codes now include Group B ambulatory health care facilities to be sprinklered if they meet specific conditions. Use group E occupancies have been reduced, previous code required sprinklers if the square footage was over 20,000. The 2009 code requires sprinklers if the square footage is over 12,000. A Group M occupancy that displays or sells furniture is now required to have automatic fire sprinklers; this change goes back to the large fire in South Carolina. In Chapter 10 #3 under the section for doors, a new section has been added for electromagnetically locked egress doors. Southeast Hospital is considering implementing this change in the entire hospital. The appendices added to the 2009 International Fire Code are H, I and J. Chapter 46, Construction Requirements For Existing Buildings, the board asked will this pertain to alterations and if it will affect the 2009 International Existing Building Code. Brian said he wasn't familiar with the Existing Building Code. The board will look at both codes during review of the Existing Building Code.

Report from Timothy Morgan, Inspection Services Director, pertaining to the 2009 International Energy Code, the board at the January meeting requested from staff the other cities who have adopted the Energy Code. The cities of Clayton and Arnold are doing inspections but we don't know to what degree or the added cost which could be up to \$500.00 dollars for independent inspectors.

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Being there was no other business at this time; a motion was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Appeals is scheduled for March 10, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Farris Nabors". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Farris" and last name "Nabors" clearly legible.

Farris Nabors  
Secretary