



## CONSTRUCTION CODE REVIEW BOARD MINUTES

Construction Code Review Board met on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 202 at Marion City Hall, 1225 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Marion, IA, with the following members present: Jim Angerer, Roger Cousins, Mark Morgan, Terry Sauer, JR Blok, Bethany Jordan, Larry Nessel, and Curtis Liscum. Absent: Jim Burm and Allison Owen.

The following staff members were present: Gary Hansen, Chief Krebill, Traci Miller and City Attorney Ryan Tang. Also, present was Kent Backen, President of Integrity Custom Homes.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Morgan.

Chair Morgan asked for a motion to approve minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting. Moved by Angerer, seconded by Nessel to approve the June 25, 2019 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Backen requested an appeal of the Fire Code regarding the number of required access roads. Mr. Backen stated that he currently has one access road in the Echo Hill Estates development but does not currently own the property where a second outlet road could be built. Mr. Backen is requesting a variance to waive the second access road requirement in order to continue construction of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> phases of the development.

Fire Chief Krebill reviewed the request. Chief Krebill noted that the Board of Appeals does not have the authority to waive requirements of the code according to section 109.2 of the 2018 International Fire Code.

Chief Krebill also stated that section D107.1 of the Fire Code requires developments of one- or two-family dwellings where the number of dwelling units exceeds 30 units to have two separate and approved fire apparatus access roads. The City of Marion adopted an exception to the code that allows the number of dwelling units to increase to 100 units before two separate and approved fire apparatus access roads are required.

The Board discussed the Fire Code and options for Mr. Backen. The Board agreed that the Fire Department's interpretation of the Fire Code is correct, and a variance should be denied. The Board suggested Mr. Backen appeal to the Marion City Council.

Moved by Jordan, seconded by Sauer to concur with the Fire Departments interpretation of the Fire Code and deny the variance request regarding the number of access roads. All in favor, motion carried.

With there being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Jordan, seconded by Angerer to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting is not scheduled and will depend on the NFPA code or an appeal.

Respectfully submitted by Traci Miller, Marion Fire Department