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## ***Recreational Vehicle Code Committee Meeting Minutes***

***Wednesday, June 18, 2008***

***9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.***

**Members Present:** Peter Bride  
John Caul  
Hank Eckhardt  
Sandi Kadash  
Dana Stephenson  
Jeff Wehrung

**Guests Present:** Don Miner, Oregon Manufactured Housing Association

**Staff Present:** Monte Taylor, recreational vehicle program lead worker  
Rich Baumann, policy analyst  
Celina Patterson, policy analyst  
Dave Bassett, special projects coordinator  
Debi Barnes-Woods, boards coordinator  
Shauna Parker, rules coordinator

### **Introductions**

The committee and staff introduced themselves.

### **Overview of current process and procedures**

Rich Baumann, policy analyst, provided an overview of the code making timeline and process. Mr. Baumann further explained that, in Oregon, the standards and amendments to the code are adopted in administrative rules. He pointed out that the bold & underlined language is new language which is being added and the strike out language is being eliminated.

Mr. Baumann introduced the [code adoption matrix](#) and explained that item #1 is general housekeeping changes and the division would appreciate input on these sections, however they are not the main focus of this meeting today.

### **Begin review of code change matrix**

Mr. Baumann explained that the national codes proposed for adoption in Oregon include the 2008 Edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1192, Standard on Recreational Vehicles, and the 2005 Edition of American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Standard for Recreational Park

Trailers, and the 2008 Edition of the ANSI/RVIA Standard for Low Voltage Systems in Conversion and Recreational Vehicles.

Monte Taylor, recreational vehicle program lead worker, reviewed the matrix and the [proposed rules](#) with the committee.

Mr. Baumann discussed the code review process and explained that the committee would now go through each proposed code and the amendments to the codes. He asked the committee to state any comments and concerns on the proposed new additions to the code. At the end of the discussion on each item, the committee will need to make a motion to either indicate their approval, amendment and approval or disapproval of the code section(s).

### **NFPA 1192 2008 Edition RV Standard**

Motion by John Caul to approve adoption of 2008 Edition of NFPA.

*Motion carries unanimously.*

### **Fuel burning appliances**

Motion by John Caul to approve adoption of the amendment for prohibiting solid fuel burning appliances unless specifically allowed in the rules.

*Motion carries unanimously.*

### **Label for fuel dispensing units**

Motion by Sandi Kadash to approve adoption of the amendment to add an additional label adjacent to 12-volt main disconnect for units with fuel dispensing systems.

*Motion carries unanimously.*

### **Two unobstructed paths**

Sandi Kadash indicated her concern with this segment of the code because of design concept and safety problems.

Mr. Taylor stated that he knows that the state of Washington voiced some concerns with this segment of the code at the national level.

Mr. Baumann provided history on this code change section and explained the proposed code change amendment to the committee.

The committee further discussed the concerns with changes to this section of the code. Discussion included whether there are specific requirements as to the layout or measurement

Jeff Wehrung asked about whether there are specific requirements as to the layout or measurement of the two unobstructed pathways.

Mr. Taylor explained that there are not specific measurements. One exit would typically be a window with a man door going out of it and as long as you are not duplicating a passive exit or the main door, it would comply with the proposed amendment.

Dana Stephenson stated the need to coincide with national requirements. He noted his concern of vehicles coming in from out of state, having a fire, and not complying with code and then becoming an issue as a result.

Ms. Kadash asked if there is a process to petition for a code change for the next edition of the Standard.

Mr. Taylor indicated that he would be happy to start the petition process, but he wanted to see the direction of the committee with regards to this amendment before moving forward. He stated that he did not think that there would be a problem with out-of-state vehicles meeting Oregon specific code.

Mr. Baumann explained that the change in code will not affect previously owned vehicles coming into the state and being offered for sale. Manufacturers shipping vehicles into Oregon would need to comply with the code. This change would apply to a service or repair shop only if there was a regulated alteration or repair.

Mr. Taylor said that he will work with the national group and see if can move forward on these concerns.

Motion by John Caul to approve the amendment to add previous model code language back into the Oregon code for “two unobstructed paths” to exit from a bedroom or sleeping area.

*Motion carries unanimously.*

### **2005 ANSI 119.5 RV Park Trailer Standard**

Motion by Jeff Werhung to adopt the 2005 ANSI 119.5 and all proposed Oregon amendments [Items 7 through 9 on the [code adoption matrix](#)].

*Motion carries unanimously.*

### **Prohibit trailers from having fuel dispensing systems**

Mr. Baumann explained that this amendment applies to trailers over 8 ½ feet wide and does not prohibit propane use for the trailer. This amendments prohibits fuel dispensing systems on recreational park trailers over 8 ½ feet wide. He clarified that although this looks like a new amendment, this is existing language, and the rule language was just reformatted to be clearer.

### **Solid fuel burning requirements**

Hank Eckhardt inquired as to whether this code provision related to installing the appliance at the time of manufacturing or if they can be installed after the fact.

Mr. Taylor explained that as long as the units comply with code, they could be installed after the fact. Such an installation would still require a permit, inspection, and other requirements pertaining to an installation of the appliance.

### **2008 NFPA 70 (NEC)**

Motion by Dana Stephenson to approve the 2008 NFPA 70 as further amended by the committee for the provisions relating to the supply power cords.

*Motion carries unanimously*

### **Two listed factory supply power cords**

Mr. Baumann indicated that the rule needs to be changed to reflect that this provision is associated with trailers over 8½ feet wide.

Peter Bride stated that from a cost standpoint it is cheaper to put in one 240 volt assembly rather than the two power cords.

The committee discussed whether or not this amendment was necessary based upon Mr. Bride's comments.

Mr. Stephenson indicated that he has a concern with making these alterations because eliminating the two cords would restrict the ability to convert fuel burning appliances to electric.

Mr. Baumann asked the committee for clarification as to why the term "factory installed" was used in code. No one seemed to remember why and what the concern was today.

Mr. Baumann reviewed the committee's suggested amendment to this section stating the rules would be amended to strike out "factory installed" and "may be provided for the electrical feeders," and clarify that the provision only applies to recreational park trailers vehicles over 8½ feet wide.

### **2008 ANSI/RVIA Standard**

Mr. Baumann provided a summary of this section of the rules.

Motion by Dana Stephenson to adopt the 2008 ANSI/RVIA Low Voltage Standard.

*Motion carries unanimously.*

### **General Editorial/Housekeeping Changes**

Mr. Baumann summarized the remaining sections. The proposed housekeeping and other editorial changes were made to clean up the rules. He explained that he removed old unnecessary language and that outdated references to other codes were corrected. He asked for any comments or concerns from the committee relating to these sections of the rules.

Mr. Baumann thanked the committee for their time and explained that the next step in the process is that the rules will be taken to the Manufactured Structures and Parks Advisory board meeting in September. After the board meeting, the division will file for public hearing and subsequent rulemaking. The division anticipates an effective date of November 1, 2008, but if any issues come up during the remaining steps in the process and more time is needed, the code may get pushed back to a later effective date.

The committee adjourned at 10:20 a.m.