

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council
September 12th, 2023
10:00 A.M.
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chair, Mr. Roy Young, requested a roll call of the members which reflected the following:

Members Present: Mr. B. Byrd; Ms. T. Byrd; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Keenan Glover (10:21); Mr. Visser; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Causey; Mr. Giron; Mr. Heier; Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Masterson; Mr. McShan; Ms. Peers; Mr. Young; Mr. Rinchuso; Mr. Wood

Members Absent: Mr. Browning; Mr. Miller; Mr. Parnell; Mr. Wallis

Excused absence: Mr. Browning; Mr. Miller; Mr. Parnell; Mr. Wallis

A total of 16 members present, 4 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the August 29th, 2023, meeting.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Bobby Byrd to accept the minutes from the August 29th, 2023, meeting as written. Ms. Teresa Byrd **seconded the motion**. There were no objections to the motion and **the minutes were accepted as presented**.

2. Next LSUCCC Meeting TBA.

The next LSUCCC Meeting will be October 10th, 2023.

3. Technical Cade Study and Advisory Committee Report (Jackie Dadakis)

Ms. Dadakis notified the council that there would be a fortified study committee formed to study the Fortified Home preferred practice. There will be a proposed 7 member group for this committee, 3 from the code council and 4 from the public. Ms. Dadakis requested that at least one of the public members be a roofing company that has the fortified certification. She asked for assistance in finding the individual to serve on the study committee. There will be three items that the study committee will be asked to bring back to the Technical Committee – 1. What is actually the process of getting a roof or building certified as fortified? 2. What is the difference between Fortified vs the current 2021 code requirements? What are the addition cost and/or savings of Fortified? Since this is a study committee they will be able to meet via Zoom.

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Applications will be sent out for those who would like to sit on the study committee and there will be a deadline established for when these application are to be submitted for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion of proposed amendments for 2021 IRC Section 315 Carbon Monoxide Alarms. (Bobby Byrd)

Ms. Dadakis turned the floor over to Mr. Bobby Byrd to introduce and discuss the proposed amendment for the 2021 IRC Section 315 Carbon Monoxide Alarms. Mr. Byrd asked about removing the word Option and the letter A and the first one would only be labeled as 1.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Jake Causey to accept the amendment as it was proposed in the handout. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Scott Masterson. The floor was opened for discussion. Mr. Joiner asked if it was the intention of the council to have this submitted as an Emergency Rule or a Regular Rule. **The motion was amended** to include in the motion that this would be run as an Emergency Rule. Mr. Barry Couvillion, Lightning Services Inc., asked if the CO detector would have to be interconnected and where would they be located. Mr. Joiner then read the proposed amendment.

Carbon Monoxide amendments
Section R315.3 Location
EXCEPTION:

1. When a Fuel Fired Standby generator(s) or Transfer Switch (Automatic or Manual) is installed, it shall be located outside the dwelling, it shall be installed per the manufacturer's installation instructions and the additional following requirements shall be as follows:

- ~~Option 1. (A)~~ A Carbon Monoxide Alarm shall be installed in each sleeping area inside the dwelling and an additional Carbon Monoxide Alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom, as approved by the building official. The single detector shall be located in a hallway or room adjacent of the bedrooms.
2. The Carbon Monoxide Alarm(s) shall be installed, as determined by the owner, as either stand alone or interconnected.
 3. The Carbon Monoxide Alarm(s) shall receive their power from either a battery and or a building wire circuit.

After a very lengthy discussion between the council and those in the public, **Mr. Jake Causey withdrew his motion**. There will be a Technical Committee Meeting October 10th, 2023.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Jake Causey to move the proposed amendment to the Technical Committee. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Henry Heier. There were two objections to the motion. The motion **passed 14 yes, 2 nay**.

2. Review and discussion on proposed amendments to NEC Article 210.52(C)(2) Island Peninsular Countertops and Work Surfaces. (Mark Joiner)

A **motion was made** by Mr. Henry Heier to adopt the proposed amendment to NEC Article 210.52(C)(2) Island Peninsular Countertops and Work Surfaces as written. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Marty Campbell. The floor was opened for discussion. There was no further discussion. There was no opposition to the motion and **the motion passed unanimously**.

2023 NEC

Proposed Amendment using 2023 Language

210.52(C)(2) Island and Peninsular Countertops and Work Surfaces.

Receptacle outlets, if installed to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, shall be installed in accordance with [210.52\(C\)\(3\)](#). If a receptacle outlet is not provided to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, provisions shall be provided at the island or peninsula for future addition of a receptacle outlet to serve the island or peninsular countertop or work surface. This provision shall be a dedicated circuit.

210.52(C)(3) Receptacle Outlet Location.

Receptacle outlets shall be located in one or more of the following:

1. On or above, but not more than 500 mm (20 in.) above, a countertop or work surface
2. In a countertop using receptacle outlet assemblies listed for use in countertops
3. In a work surface using receptacle outlet assemblies listed for use in work surfaces or listed for use in countertops
4. Receptacles installed below a countertop or work surface shall not be located where the countertop or work surface extends more than 150 mm (6 in.) beyond its support base.

Receptacle outlets rendered not readily accessible by appliances fastened in place, appliance garages, sinks, or range tops as covered in [210.52\(C\)\(1\)](#), Exception No. 1, or appliances occupying assigned spaces shall not be considered as these required outlets.

Informational Note No. 1: See [406.5\(E\)](#) for installation of receptacles in countertops and [406.5\(F\)](#) for installation of receptacles in work surfaces. See [380.10](#) for installation of multioutlet assemblies.

Informational Note No. 2: See Informative Annex J and ANSI/ICC A117.1-2009, *Standard on Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities*, for additional information.

2020 NEC 210.52(C)(2)- 210.52(C)(2) Island and Peninsular Countertops and Work Surfaces.

Receptacle outlets shall be installed in accordance with [210.52\(C\)\(2\)\(a\)](#) and (C)(2)(b).

1. (a) At least one receptacle outlet shall be provided for the first 0.84 m² (9 ft²), or fraction thereof, of the countertop or work surface. A receptacle outlet shall be provided for every additional 1.7 m² (18 ft²), or fraction thereof, of the countertop or work surface.
2. (b) At least one receptacle outlet shall be located within 600 mm (2 ft) of the outer end of a peninsular countertop or work surface. Additional required receptacle outlets shall be permitted to be located as determined by the installer, designer, or building owner. The location of the receptacle outlets shall be in accordance with [210.52\(C\)\(3\)](#).

A peninsular countertop shall be measured from the connected perpendicular wall.

210.52(C)(3) Receptacle Outlet Location.

Receptacle outlets shall be located in one or more of the following:

1. (1) On or above countertop or work surfaces: On or above, but not more than 500 mm (20 in.) above, the countertop or work surface.

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2. (2) In countertop or work surfaces: Receptacle outlet assemblies listed for use in countertops or work surfaces shall be permitted to be installed in countertops or work surfaces.
2. (3) Below countertop or works surfaces: Not more than 300 mm (12 in.) below the countertop or work surface.

Receptacles installed below a countertop or work surface shall not be located where the countertop or work surface extends more than 150 mm (6 in.) beyond its support base.

Receptacle outlets rendered not readily accessible by appliances fastened in place, appliance garages, sinks, or rangetops as covered in [210.52\(C\)\(1\)](#), Exception, or appliances occupying assigned spaces shall not be considered as these required outlets.

Informational Note No. 1: See [406.5\(E\)](#) and [406.5\(G\)](#) for installation of receptacles in countertops and [406.5\(F\)](#) and [406.5\(G\)](#) for installation of receptacles in work surfaces. See [380.10](#) for installation of multioutlet assemblies.

Informational Note No. 2: See Annex J and ANSI/ICC A117.1-2009, *Standard on Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities*

3. Review and discussion on NEC Article 230.85 Emergency Disconnects as they pertain to Residential Optional standby systems. (Mark Joiner)

Mr. Mark Joiner spoke to the council explaining what has been brought forth to the Technical Committee and also previously to the Council. After a lengthy discussion between members of the attending public and the council members, the matter was tabled and moved to the Technical Committee for more discussion and research. No handout provided.

4. Review and discussion on IRC and IPC 2” drain reroute from sink or washer to building sewer service line. (Roy Young)

A **motion was made** by Mr. Marty Campbell to adopt the proposed amendment with the change of the adding of “re-route”, adding the reference needed to link the IRC, and adding verbiage to include cleanouts. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Gerard Rinchuso. Mr. Campbell amended his motion to include the verbiage in the amendment that cleanouts should be installed by the code and that the amendment including verbiage to link it to the corresponding amendment number in the IRC. The floor was opened for any other discussion. There was no further discussion. There was no opposition to the motion and **the motion passed unanimously.**

Proposed amendment for drain reroute
LSUCCC 9-12-23 meeting

Adopt

Section 703.6, Minimum Size Building Sewer.

No building sewer shall be less than 4 inches in size with the exception of force lines.

Exception:

1. A 2 inch sink or washing machine drain re-route shall be allowed to continue, greater than 30 inches of developed length, from the edge of the foundation continuous to the 4 inch building sewer if it meets ALL of the following conditions:

(1.) The allowable fall per inch over the entire length of pipe shall be maintained.

(2.) No solid waste shall be allowed within the drain system.

(3.) A disposal shall not be allowed within the drain system.

5. Review and discussion on adding “hydrostatic” to verbiage in existing amendment IPC Section 312.5 Water Supply Test and including an amendment to match in IRC Section P2503.7.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Charles Visser to adopt the proposed amendment with changes for IPC Section 312.5 Water Supply Test with the addition of the verbiage “during the rough-in inspection” in the first sentence. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Marty Campbell. The floor was opened for any other discussion. There was no further discussion. There was no opposition to the motion and **the motion passed unanimously.**

Proposed amendment Hydrostatic Pressure
LSUCCC 9-12-23 meeting

Amend

Section 312.5, Water Supply System Test.

Upon completion of a section of or the entire water supply system, **during the rough-in inspection**, the system, or portion completed, shall be tested and proved tight under a **hydrostatic** water pressure not less than 1.5 times the working pressure of the system, but not less than 140 psi; or, for piping systems other than plastic, by an air test of not less than 50 psi (344 kPa). This pressure shall be held for not less than 15 minutes. The water utilized for tests shall be obtained from a potable source of supply. The required tests shall be performed in accordance with this section and Section 107

6. Comments from LSUCCC chairman and LSUCCC Administrator.

Mr. Mark Joiner updated the Council members of the situation from the previous week’s executive session. The building official has been provided with and accepted the verbal agreement of an 18 month suspension and then the individual would serve a 24 month probationary period, after serving the 18 month registration suspension.

With no other items on the agenda or discussion, **a motion was made** by Ms. Tresa Byrd to adjourn. Mr. Jake Causey **seconded the motion.** The meeting adjourned at 12:36 AM.

END OF MINUTES