

April 2, 2019

Dear Colorado State Legislators:

My name is Daniel P. Reardon and I am the Building Official for Paonia, Colorado. I was the Building Official for Delta, Colorado from July of 1998 until February of 2018 and continue my role as the meeting-coordinator for the Western Colorado Code Professionals (WCCP). WCCP is made up of a group of Building Officials from the Cities of Gunnison, Montrose and Orchard City, the Counties of Gunnison, San Miguel, Hinsdale, Montrose and Ouray, the Towns of Ouray, Telluride, Mountain Village, Ridgway, Paonia and Cedaredge – Hotchkiss may soon join WCCP as well. The Building Officials representing these fourteen jurisdictions meet monthly and a great deal of our recent discussions have revolved around updating our adopted codes to the 2018 I-Codes.

Working now for Colorado Code Consulting, LLC (who contracts to perform Building Department services for Paonia) I am directly involved in helping Telluride, San Miguel County, Ridgway, Montrose City, Orchard City, Cedaredge, Paonia and now the Town of Hotchkiss prepare to adopt the 2018 International Codes. Part of that process includes having public meetings with contractors, designers and citizens to discuss the adoption process and impacts of updating to newer codes. The public meetings currently scheduled are as follows: Ridgway April 15, 2019, Paonia April 16, 2019, Telluride May 8, 2019 and Hotchkiss May 11, 2019. Each of these communities intend to update their adopted Codes to the 2018 I-Codes (Including the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code).

Discussions at recent WCCP meetings keep coming back to the realization of how our Western-Slope jurisdictions have slipped behind; this has inspired many of us to formulate a plan to update codes every other code-cycle. Cost is a big consideration in not wanting to update every three years as new codes are published, opting instead for a compromise to update every six years to stay reasonably current. It is a major undertaking, but we realize the importance and the many benefits of staying more current than we have. Member jurisdictions who are proposing to adopt the 2018 I-Codes are not considering adopting an older IECC but may implement a stepped-approach with the 2018 IECC as discussed next.

Gil Rossmiller and Hope Medina are two of my cohorts with Colorado Code Consulting who specialize in teaching Code Officials and designers how to navigate the IECC. They have worked as consultants with *Xcel Energy* developing a brochure to help communities adopt current Energy Codes, but with a phased-in implementation plan (see attached). With this approach it makes no sense to adopt an older code that is already outdated and may not satisfy the mandates set forth in Section 406(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C 5172 (b)) passed February 9, 2018.

I have been a member of the Board of Directors for the Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council (CCICC) since 2016 and continue in that position. I serve on the "Building Futures" committee for the CCICC and have recently joined as a member of the Advisory Board for the Technical College of the Rockies in Delta, Colorado. I bring these affiliations to your attention to emphasize my commitment to education and excellence in this industry. Speaking for myself, and as a consultant who is guiding many Western-Slope communities in updating their adopted codes, I strongly support your leadership in passing HB19-1260. Enacting contemporary regulations that guide us in conserving Energy is the right thing to do for our beautiful State of Colorado – please show the courage to lead this charge.

Sincerely,



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March 28, 2019

Dear Colorado State Representatives and Senators,

We believe in building quality homes – homes that are healthy, safe, and comfortable for families. Homes that stand up to severe weather and last for a century or more. Homes that are affordable, not just in the purchase price but in monthly bills as well. Homes that help a local community thrive. Homes that underpin Colorado's economy.

HB19-1260 will benefit all Coloradans, and we urge you to support it. All Coloradans deserve a healthy, safe, resilient, energy-efficient home, regardless of if they happen to live in the front range, the western slope, the mountain towns, the plains, the San Luis Valley, or the four corners. Whether your new home is in one jurisdiction or the next shouldn't determine how well it's built.

As builders who care about attention to detail, we know the little things matter. The newer energy codes have incremental changes that add up to a far better, safer, healthier, more resilient, and more energy-efficient home. As builders who have collectively built many thousands of homes, we can attest that newer energy codes are accessible, reachable, and flexible, without breaking the bank. With 110 or more Colorado jurisdictions in all parts of the state already on or moving to newer codes, the evidence of that is undisputable.

Homebuyers in the market for a brand-new home in 2019 actually deserve 2019 levels of efficiency and comfort – not 2003 levels. Colorado's old and outdated state minimum energy code (the 2003 IECC) needs to be updated to keep pace with new technologies, techniques, materials, and options for builders, raising both the quality and affordability of home ownership in the state.

Thank you for supporting this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stambaugh", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rod Stambaugh
President

TOWN OF BERTHOUD
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10

Passed 4/9/19
6-0

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 19-1260, UPDATING COLORADO'S ENERGY CODES

Whereas, Berthoud did not update its Energy Code from 2006 until 2017 despite other regular updates to the building code, electrical code, and plumbing code; and,

Whereas, updated energy codes save homeowners thousands of dollars of utility bills over the life of the home; and,

Whereas, homes that are poorly built have larger air leakage rates and faulty insulation that is impossible to correct without removing the interior and exterior finishes at a very large cost to any future homeowner; and,

Whereas, homes that are built to outdated energy codes waste energy and resources for the entire life of the home and contribute unnecessarily to climate change and increased needs for energy production and water storage and delivery; and,

Whereas, homes built to recent energy codes have healthier indoor air quality and fewer serious moisture problems minimizing adverse health problems for future residents of the home; and,

Whereas, insurance ratings for homes built under outdated energy codes are higher and result in higher home insurance rates for owners of those homes for the life of the home; and,

Whereas, homes built to recent energy codes are inspected by an independent 3rd party inspector to ensure they meet energy code requirements; and,

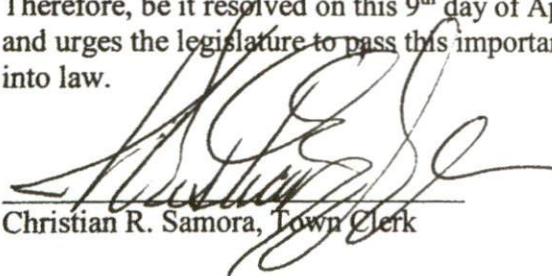
Whereas, HB-1260 will require all CO towns and cities to update their energy codes at the same time other building codes are updated and will allow towns and cities a choice of which recent energy code to adopt and those codes can be adopted with local amendments; and,


Whereas, free training and adoption assistance is available from the Colorado Energy Office, Xcel Energy, and some municipal utilities to help jurisdictions update their energy code; and

Whereas, HB-1260 will help CO meet its goals for clean energy and energy efficiency while saving homeowners and renters money, creating jobs, supporting local economic development, and improving our energy security; and,

Whereas, after careful study in 2018, Berthoud finally updated from the 2006 energy code and adopted the 2015 energy code, with several amendments, finding it was more workable than the 2012 energy code;

Therefore, be it resolved on this 9th day of April that the Town of Berthoud supports HB 19-1260 and urges the legislature to pass this important improvement and urges Governor Polis to sign into law.


Christian R. Samora, Town Clerk


William Karspeck, Mayor