

Code Review Subcommittee Update

City Council – Item 24

August 8, 2024



Summary

- Proposed changes to:
 - Ch. 6 (Building Code), Section 6-155, Building Standards Board Committees
 - Ch. 10, Section 10-14, Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board Committees
- Adds ability of **all** subcommittee members to vote
- Adds transparency and inclusivity to process

Building Standards Board

Board members:

- 14 voting members
- Not city employees
- Appointed by City Council

What they do:

- Quasi-judicial board
 - San Antonio Property Maintenance Code (SAPMC) appeals and violations
 - Summary abatement appeals
 - Orders for repair or demolitions (as a last resort) of dangerous and distressed buildings
- **Form subcommittees for review of code updates**

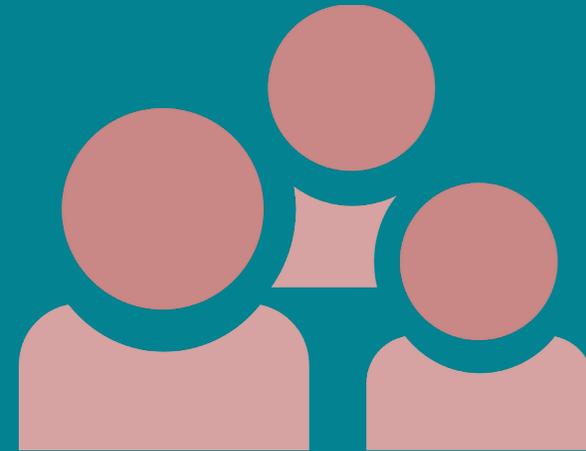


BSB Proposed Change

Clarify subcommittees are 4 to 6 board members

Allows up to 4 non-appointed members **OR** one less than number of board members

Allows non-appointed members to vote and count toward quorum



Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board

What they do:

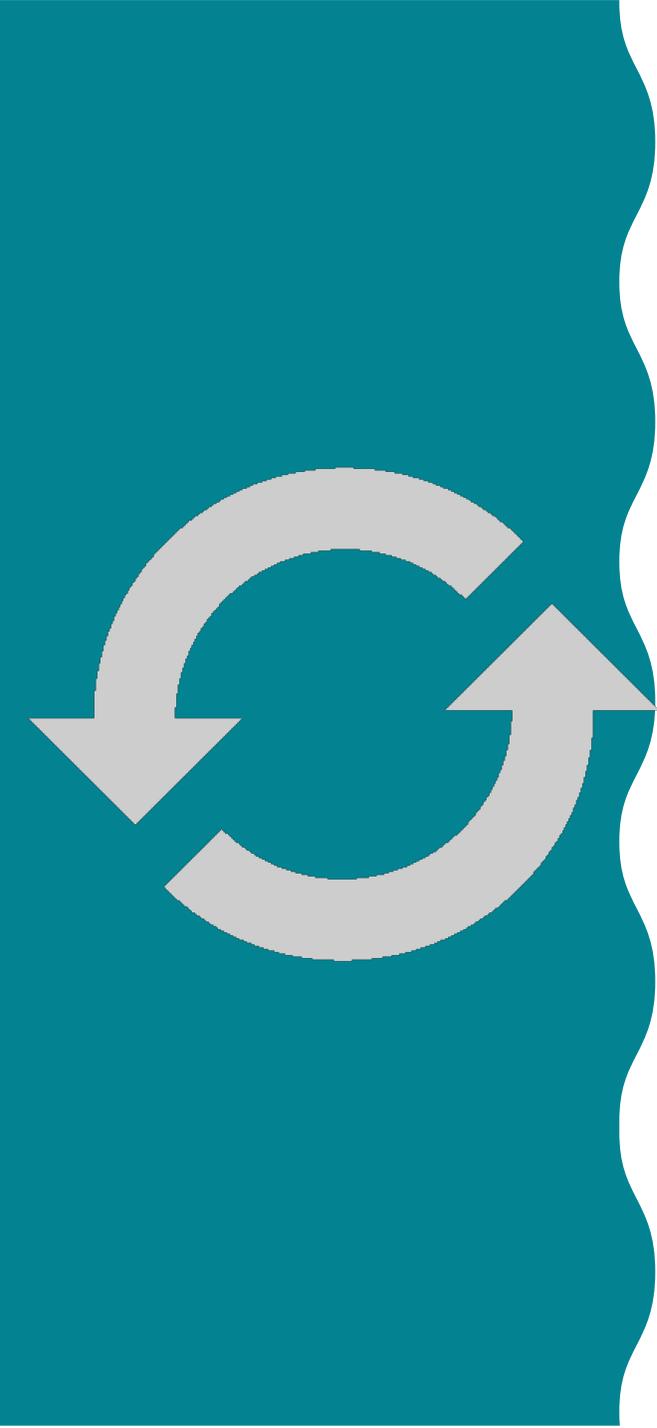
- Hears and decides appeals of Building Official's or Fire Chief's interpretation of Ch. 10, 11, and specific articles in Ch. 28:
 - Orders
 - Decisions
 - Determinations
- **Form subcommittees for review of building-related code updates**

Board Members:

- 17 voting members
- 17 alternates
- Qualified by experience and training to act on building-related and fire codes
- Not city employees



BRFCAAB Proposed Change



4 to 7 board members with alternates

Change number of non-appointed members from 4 or one less than board members

Allows non-appointed members to vote and count toward quorum

Requirement to create bylaws

Timeline

Jan. – Mar. 2024

- 3 BRFCAAB meetings held

Mar. 26, 2024

- BRFCAAB approval of recommended changes

Apr. 4 & Apr. 11, 2024

- Briefing to panels A & B of BSB

Jun. 27, 2024

- Planning and Community Development Committee

Aug. 8, 2024

- City Council



Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of proposed changes:
 - Expanding role of non-board members appointed to subcommittees of the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board and the Building Standards Board to include voting and counting towards quorum





THANK YOU!

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