

Article 20

BUILDING CODES ADVISORY COMMISSION

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There is hereby created and established in and for the Village of Oak Park a commission to be hereafter known as the Building Codes Advisory Commission. (Ord. 1999-0-8, 3-15-1999)

2-20-2: MEMBERSHIP:  

The Commission shall consist of a chairperson and eight (8) members appointed by the President with the consent of the Village Board. All Commission members shall be qualified electors of Oak Park and shall not be employees of the Village. The Commission shall include:

- A. A registered design professional who is a registered architect;
- B. A licensed Illinois plumber or registered design professional with plumbing engineering experience;
- C. A licensed electrician or registered design professional with electrical engineering experience;
- D. An HVAC contractor or registered design professional with mechanical engineering experience;
- E. A fire protection contractor or a design professional with fire protection engineering experience;
- F. A building code professional who is a Certified Building Official or Master Code Professional;
- G. Three (3) contractors in any construction trade who currently are licensed to do business in the Village of Oak Park;

- H. A former member of the Building Codes Advisory Commission as an "emeritus" nonvoting member to serve for one term only. This position would not count toward a quorum. (Ord. 2011-0-8, 2-7-2011)

2-20-3: TERMS OF OFFICE:

The chairperson and one Commission member shall be appointed to three (3) year terms. Two (2) members shall be appointed to two (2) year terms and the remaining one member to a one year term. Thereafter, each new member shall serve for three (3) years or until a successor has been appointed. (Ord. 1999-0-8, 3-15-1999)

2-20-4: DUTIES:

The Commission shall have the following duties:

- A. Review each new edition of the model codes and recommend local amendments to the Director of Code Administration. The Director will formulate final code amendment recommendations for presentation to, and adoption by the President and Board of Trustees, based upon Commission recommendations, staff and community input and other information available to the Director.
- B. Review and recommend to the Director of Code Administration the approval or denial of the use of alternate materials or methods of construction to those prescribed by the codes. Prior to recommending approval of any alternative method or material, the Commission must first find that, for the purpose intended, the method or material complies with the intent of the code and is at least the equivalent of that prescribed by the code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety.
- C. Advise the Director of Code Administration, at the Village Manager's or Director's request, with regard to requests for modifications of specific code requirements. Prior to recommending a modification, the Commission must first find that a special reason exists which makes compliance with the strict letter of the code impractical in a given case, that the modification is in conformity with the intent and purpose of the code, and that such modification does not reduce the level of fire protection or structural integrity of any structure to which it is applied.
- D. Provide code interpretations to the Department of Code Administration, upon request, which address the intent and applicability of code provisions and acceptable alternative materials or methods of construction. (Ord. 1999-0-8, 3-15-1999)

2-20-5: ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Commission recommendations are advisory only and are intended to provide the Director of Code Administration with preliminary technical and professional information and guidance which, when considered in conjunction with other information available to the Director, will assist him or her in formulating final decisions and policies which are appropriate for the Village. As preliminary

information used in the formulation of final policies and decisions, Commission recommendations are not binding on the Director and are exempt from disclosure to the public under the freedom of information act. (Ord. 1999-0-8, 3-15-1999)

2-20-6: LIMITATIONS OF AUTHORITY:

The Commission shall have no authority relative to the administrative provisions of the codes nor shall the Commission be empowered to waive the requirements of any code. (Ord. 1999-0-8, 3-15-1999)