

**CODES COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCE CALL
KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION
JUNE 30, 2015**

Attendees:

Sam Alpert	Construction Users Council of Greater Kansas City
Luke Bell	Kansas Association of Realtors
Neal Ezell	Ezell-Morgan Construction Company, Lawrence, KS
Tina Rakes	City of Baldwin City
George Schluter	National Association of Home Builders
Barry Walthall	City of Lawrence
Pat Lett	Metropolitan Area Building & Construction, Sedgwick County
Jim Boone	
Preston Miller, Trayce Heidner, Lila White	Kansas Corporation Commission, Energy Division

Preston Miller chaired the call by welcoming all attendees. He then reviewed the Goal of having 90% of new and renovated residential structures in Kansas meet the 2009 IECC standards and 90% of new and renovated commercial structures meet the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007 by the year 2017.

Regarding obstacles to enforcement of codes, much discussion was held by various members on the costs involved and the possible adverse effect on Economic Development as an example. Mention was made regarding commercial construction of the Capital Investment (return on investment) component.

It was mentioned that Kansas City, Missouri has already adopted mandatory benchmarking on large commercial construction and multifamily residential buildings and the expectation is that the Kansas side would soon follow suit.

Historically tax credits have been responsible for the vast majority of redevelopment in downtown Kansas City and public reporting of "benchmarking" data for older, less efficient buildings poses a challenge in attracting redevelopment investment.

Data indicates that home buyers are only willing to spend an additional 2% more for energy efficient construction for comparable space (sq. footage) design.

Concern was voiced that commercial building owners are typically looking to see a 2 year payback (direct cost recovery) for energy efficient retrofits.

The City of Lawrence is discussing adopting 2015 codes effective July 1, 2016.

Checking back with 2014 permits for single family and multi-family dwellings, Johnson County is using the 2012 IRC, with amendments; Wyandotte County is using the 2009 IRC with full adoption of the energy requirements; it is thought Miami County is as well. Leavenworth County's federal work has to meet Energy Star requirements. This information was provided by George Schluter, Kansas City Home Builders, subsequent to the conference call.

The members of the board agreed to have quarterly meetings, either by conference call or face to face meetings at the Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS. It was agreed that the next quarter's meeting would be held at the KCC.