

METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)

BOARD OF APPEALS OF REFRIGERATION, AIR CONDITIONING, WARM AIR HEATING and BOILERS

Minutes

August 4th, 2022

Present: Luke Parthemer, Jesse Kealy, Dave Lyons, William J. Loewenstein, Scott E. Smith, Randy Freeman

Absent: Teresa Jordan

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/MABCD

Guest: Kortney Capello, Chris Nordick, Randy Holm

Chairman Luke Parthemer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Member Jesse Kealy made a motion to approve the July 7th, 2022 minutes. Board Member Dave Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried (6 – 0).

Public Agenda:

None

New Business:

Permitting for Electric Fireplaces/Appliances

Mr. Nethercot opened the discussion with a recap of the previous meeting; afterwards the board reviewed five pages, handed out before the meeting, from the 2018 International Residential Code & Commentary. The pages handed out had specific information on permitting and inspections needed for electric appliances. The mechanical board and guest had a lengthy discussion over current inspection processes in the field. Board Member Randy Freeman made a motion stating that both portable and hard wired electric fireplaces/appliances, require rough and final inspections when associated with a Building permit and that the manufacturer's installation instructions must be on site for both the rough and final inspection. Motion carried (5 – 0). Board member Luke Parthemer abstained from voting.

This led to more discussion on whether or not an electric fireplace/appliance needs to be installed by a licensed mechanical or fireplace contractor. A separate motion was made by Dave Lyons stating that portable electric fireplaces/appliances did not need to be installed by a licensed mechanical or fireplace contractor however permanent - hard-wired installations would require a licensed mechanical or fireplace contractor. Motion carried (5 – 0). Board member Luke Parthemer abstained from voting.

Old Business: None

MABCD Updates: Mr. Nethercot informed the board that the mechanical division is still down an inspector and are currently searching for qualified applicants.

Board member Jesse Kealy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Board Member William Loewenstein seconded the motion - Motion carried (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stoney Nethercot
Chief Mechanical Inspector
Secretary, Board of Mechanical Appeals.