



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BUILDING CODE, FIRE CODE AND LICENSING APPEALS BOARD

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Tuesday, February 17, 2009

12:15 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Godding.

Staff Present: Harry Sulzer, Ed Ruckriegel & George Hank

Present: 8 -

Louis J. Olson; James I. Statz; Colin L. Godding; Richard J. Link; Paul E. Karow; Russell G. Stern; Randall V. Baldwin and James I. Glueck

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The letter "s" needs to be added to Mike Crooks' name in the Minutes of January 20, 2009.

A motion was made by Statz, seconded by Stern, to Approve the Minutes of January 20, 2009 with the above change. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### ORDINANCES

1. [12575](#) FOURTH SUBSTITUTE - Creating Sec. 34.42, amending Sec. 27.05(2)(w) and creating Secs. 32.06(2)(a)1.j. and 32.06(4) of the Madison General Ordinances to govern installation and maintenance of smoke alarms in residential buildings.

**Attachments:** [Version 1](#)  
[Version 2](#)  
[Version 3](#)  
[Version 4](#)  
[12575 Registration Stmt.pdf](#)

George Hank of the Building Inspection Division passed out new wording for the Ordinance. Wording added was, "Smoke alarms may use either photoelectric or ionization sensing technology." Wording deleted, "Either the smoke alarm in the bedroom or the alarm within six feet of the door or both shall be a photoelectric smoke alarm." (Changes attached to Minutes)

The new wording was required because the market does not provide 10 year batteries for photoelectric detectors.

A motion was made by Glueck, seconded by Karow, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER: Accept Version 4 with the wording change as noted above by George Hank and an August 15, 2010 compliance date for single-family owner-occupied homes. There was also a recommendation that for the education process that homeowners be told that non-compliance may affect your insurance coverage and to contact your insurance agent. The insurance issue should be addressed by Council per Statz.

**Version 4 of Legislative File 12575 and M.G.O. 29.15 were passed out.**

**Discussion points by Board:**

- 1. Liability of homeowners that do not comply still an issue for single-family owner-occupied homes.**
- 2. The City should not make these mandatory in single-family homes.**
- 3. An option would be to have these required on sale of the single-family owner-occupied homes.**
- 4. Extend the date for single-family owner-occupied homes to August 2010.**
- 5. George Hank of the Building Inspection Division passed out new wording for the Ordinance. Wording added was, "Smoke alarms may use either photoelectric or ionization sensing technology." Wording deleted, "Either the smoke alarm in the bedroom or the alarm within six feet of the door or both shall be a photoelectric smoke alarm."**

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Ed Ruckriegel stated that there was not any significant contract with single-family owners.

Link stated Target had them for \$25 to \$30 each and may cost a homeowner \$300 to put these in. A home may require five or six detectors. (There are 38,000 homes where these would be required.)

Olson indicated he could see a contractor charging \$600 to purchase and put them in. This is a burden on the elderly who cannot do this themselves.

A motion was made by Glueck, seconded by Karow, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER: Accept Version 4 with the wording change as noted above by George Hank (attached to Minutes) and an August 15, 2010 compliance date for single-family owner-occupied homes. There was also a recommendation that for the education process that homeowners be told that non-compliance may affect your insurance coverage and to contact your insurance agent. The insurance issue should be addressed by Council per Statz. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes: 7 -**

Louis J. Olson; Colin L. Godding; Richard J. Link; Paul E. Karow; Russell G. Stern; Randall V. Baldwin and James I. Glueck

**Noes:** 1 -  
James I. Statz

**13802**

Wording Change for Legislative File 12575

**Attachments:** [Legislative File 12575 Wording Change by GCH.pdf](#)

**2. 13474**

Creating Section 27.085 entitled "Vacant and Damaged Buildings" and renumbering and amending Section 27.08(7) of the Madison General Ordinances to expand the ability of the Building Inspection Division to secure vacant buildings.

**A motion was made by Statz, seconded by Glueck, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 -  
James I. Statz; Colin L. Godding; Richard J. Link; Paul E. Karow; Russell G. Stern; Randall V. Baldwin; James I. Glueck and Louis J. Olson

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Statz, seconded by Karow, to Adjourn at 1:15 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**