

MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Building Officials
Virginia Property Maintenance Officials
Virginia Fire Officials

FROM: Emory Rodgers, Deputy Director
Division of Building and Fire Regulation

DATE: October 13, 2009

SUBJECT: ICC Governmental Membership Contributions
Effective July 01, 2010 (Fiscal Year 2011)

Each locality in Virginia is struggling during this challenging economic period and difficult fiscal climate, as is the State that is also currently experiencing similar obstacles. Due to the resultant budgetary constraints, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) made tough but necessary adjustments, some of which may affect the statewide localities.

One such adjustment is a reduction in the provision of the International Code Council (ICC) governmental membership contributions with which DHCD has had the good fortune and pleasure of benefiting the localities over a number of years. The ICC governmental memberships have encouraged and permitted many localities to become an integral participant with ICC, actively support the objectives and initiatives of ICC, and take advantage of numerous ICC membership benefits.

Since 2004, DHCD was able to increase the ICC governmental membership contributions to include additional memberships for localities that adopt and enforce the Virginia Maintenance Code and the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, and hence appoint multiple Officials, i.e. Building, Property Maintenance, and Fire Officials. This allowed for multiple ICC governmental membership benefits in a single locality, affording each separate membership with governmental voting privileges, each based upon the population of the specific locality.

DHCD is pleased that we are able to continue the longstanding ICC governmental membership contributions for the localities at this time, at a single governmental membership per locality. The corresponding governmental voting privileges as provided by the DHDC governmental membership contributions are based upon the population of that member locality, such that localities having

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50,000 or less persons are granted 4 voting rights, 50,001 to 150,000 persons are granted 8 voting rights, and 150,001 or greater persons are granted 12 voting rights.

DHCD would request that each locality having multiple code officials would designate those officials on the ICC governmental membership roster. Each locality would then determine the distribution of its remaining governmental voting privileges. As in previous years, DHCD also requests that each locality share the names of the designated code officials and governmental voting members with us so that that we may coordinate with ICC on behalf of the locality. DHCD reminds each locality to periodically review their designated governmental voting members for accuracy and duplication, especially prior to every ICC code hearing.

Hopefully, this notice shall provide each locality with ample opportunity to plan and prepare for their Fiscal Year 2011 budget, and to continue arrangements directly with ICC for any additional desired ICC memberships.

DHCD appreciates the understanding and support of the localities as the state and local governments together navigate these challenging times. Should you have any questions, please contact Paula Eubank, Associate Director of TASO at paula.eubank@dhcd.virginia.gov or 804.371.7172.