

2003 WORK PLAN

BUILDING REVIEW BOARD

The Building Review Board will continue to meet on the last Thursday of each month when there are public discussion or hearing items placed on the regular monthly agenda. The Board may also meet as needed in order to convene special meetings.

Staff anticipates that the Building Review Board will hear several appeals by contractor license applicants who do not strictly meet the qualification criteria specified in the City Code. Under its quasi-autonomous review authority, the Board is empowered to grant variances from such criteria when it determines there are practical difficulties or that an undue hardship would be imposed on the applicant; or, when the Board determines the applicant has sufficient specialized training, education, or additional relevant experience.

The Board is also empowered to render disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of regulated contractor licenses, under which any specified infractions listed in the regulations are committed.

Additionally, in its code appellate function, the Board may hear appeals from strict application of the building codes or from an interpretation of the codes by the Building and Zoning Director (Building Official).

In its advisory capacity, the Board is expected to continue its review of the 2000 editions of the new *International Residential Code* (IRC) and the *International Mechanical Code* (IMC), then make recommendations to Council regarding any suggested revisions based on local conditions and community standards. The International Code series replaces the familiar Uniform Codes as the preeminent national model building codes as now consolidated by the three major building code bodies – BOCA, ICBO, and SBCCI, which recently formed the *International Code Council* (ICC).

The Board will continue to work on its operational procedures and other matters of interest.