



## Minutes

Board of Appeals Regarding Technical Code Enforcement  
Council Chambers, City of Hartsville  
July 25, 2018 at 5:00pm

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON WEDNESDAY JULY 18, 2018 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY OF HARTSVILLE AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE.

Board Members Present: Todd Wilkes, Dorothy Hines, Derek Sellers and Jose Acosta  
Board Members Absent: Barry Edwards  
Staff Present: David Brock (Chief Building Official), Karine Thomas, and David Wilks  
Guests: Becky Askins-Weaver, Lawrence Flynn, Sarah Fowler, Shannon Muñoz, Brenda Kelley, Christopher Morgan, Curtis Lee, and Linda Brock  
Press: Absent

The appeals hearing was called to order at 5:00pm by Todd Wilkes.

Ms. Dorothy Hines made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Derek Sellers seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Jose Acosta made the motion to elect Mr. Todd Wilkes as the Chairman. Derek Sellers seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Derek Sellers made the motion to elect Mr. Jose Acosta as the Vice Chairman. Todd Wilkes seconded. All in favor.

The Board members present took the Oath of Office and Chairman Wilkes called the presentation to commence.

### Presentations

The board was called together due to Ms. Becky Askins-Weaver's request to initiate the appeal process regarding the interpretation of Building Official Brock when requiring permits, inspections, and change to occupancy.

Mr. David Brock presented the timeline of events with pictures of the premise in question and cited code adopted in IEBC that justified his interpretation. Mr. Brock expressed his concerns with the workmanship of the sheetrock installed and the fire safety of the building.

Ms. Becky Askins-Weaver addressed the board stating that her understanding of the code would not require a change in occupancy and therefore would not require an inspection. Furthermore, the work that had been done did not require a permit because it was covered under the exemptions listed. Hence, the code is not being interpreted correctly. Ms. Askins-Weaver did agree that the partition were not exempt, but in Brandy's defense, it was characterized as a fixture. Ms. Askins-Weaver stated that she did not mind doing what is required. However, after speaking with other investors she feels that the City is being difficult and too strict.

Mr. Derek Sellers asked if Brandy had a business license at the location where work was being done. Ms. Askins-Weaver stated she did not know. Mr. Sellers reminded Ms. Askins-Weaver that the Fire Marshall had the authority to enter any building at any time to complete an inspection. Ms. Weaver stated that she was unaware of prior violations. Mr. Sellers stated that the true state of a building could only be assessed once the tenant vacated the premises.

At 6:04pm Chairman Wilkes called for a five-minute recess

At 6:07pm Chairman Wilkes reconvened the meeting.

The Board recognized David Wilks. Mr. David Wilks spoke of the meaning of occupancy and occupancies as an accessory in order to give the Board clarity on the matter.

The Board recognized Ms. Askins-Weaver. Ms. Askins Weaver stated she still believed there was no change to the occupancy, but just moving in.

Chairman Wilkes made the motion to agree with Building Official Brock's interpretation and require a permit. Dorothy Hines seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Wilkes made the motion to adjourn at 6:13pm. Dorothy Hines seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Todd Wilkes, Chairman

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Date