



City of Prescott

Fire Board of Appeals

December 11, 2025 | 1:00 PM
201 N. Montezuma Street
Council Chambers, 1st Floor
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Betts called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Robert Betts
Board Member Michael King
Board Member Robert Rudolph
Board Member Robert Gebel (Excused)
Board Member Roger Seewald (Excused)

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Introduction & Welcome of Fire Board of Appeals Members.

Chair Betts welcomed everyone and requested that all Fire Board of Appeals members present provide a brief introduction of themselves.

Board discussion related to Chair Betts' request.

B. Discussion & Appointment of a Vice Chair for the Board.

**MOTION BY MEMBER KING TO APPOINT HIMSELF AS VICE CHAIR;
SECONDED BY CHAIR BETTS: PASSED (3 - 0)**

C. Approval of the March 26, 2021 Fire Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION BY VICE CHAIR KING TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS
PRESENTED; SECONDED BY CHAIR BETTS: PASSED (2 - 0 -1) MEMBER
RUDOLPH ABSTAINED**

D. Presentation & Discussion Regarding the Adopted 2024 International Fire Code Amendments.

Fire Marshal Anthony Valdez provided a presentation regarding the 2024 Fire Code review, adopted ordinance, and resolution. He noted that typically this review would come to the Board in advance of going to the Council, however, the Board was not able to convene to accomplish this goal. Mr. Valdez provided an overview of the revisions to the Code as adopted by the Council. Building and

Fire Chiefs collaborated to review amendments ensuring best practices, consistency, and alignment between NFPA and IFC model codes. Emphasis on firefighter safety and reducing conflicts with existing city engineering standards. Code implemented will default to the more strict standard, and new codes reduce negative outcomes to strengthen public safety.

Mr. Valdez emphasized significant stakeholder engagement, including internal teams, external parties, YCCA, and contractors, who were in agreement with the proposed amendments.

Chair Betts acknowledged the importance of YCCA input.

Member of the public and Council Liaison Cathey Rusing asked about requirements for secondary access for emergency vehicles in the event of an emergency, she recalled specific past incidents such as the Indian Fire where lack of secondary access created major evacuation and response challenges.

Mr. Valdez clarified that secondary access requirements allow for flexible, practical options depending on neighborhood needs. Access must be an all-weather surface and maintained, and he expressed the department's commitment to reducing risk and serving the community.

This item was for discussion only, no formal action was taken.

4. UPDATES

Mr. Valdez informed the Board that review for the 2024 WUI Code adoption is underway. He briefly reviewed the proposed timeline for the process.

5. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to discuss, Chair Betts adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.



ROBERT BETTS, Chair

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Voting Meeting of the City Council Voting Meeting of the City of Prescott, Arizona held on December 11, 2025. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Board Secretary

3/20/20