Important Bylaw Change for Associate Memberships

The Illinois Council of Code Administrators (ICCA) recognizes that code professionals from governmental agencies share the same goals and knowledge in administering and overseeing construction codes as many professionals in the private sector. Previously, ICCA bylaws allowed the use of Associate Memberships for non-governmental professionals. However, the Associate Membership designation restricted these private firms from being included in decisions made by the organization.

After substantial discussion in October of this year, the ICCA Board and delegates voted to amend the bylaws to allow Associate Members to be recognized as similar to local governmental chapter members. This bylaw change will allow Associate Members to nominate one Associate member to serve as a voting delegate, representing all Associate members. This bylaw change promotes decisions and voting that will be considerate and fair to all parties of interest in code development. Through informal research, ICCA has determined that this is consistent with how other International Code Council Chapters are operating in various States.

We encourage our private sector code professionals to consider joining ICCA to form a stronger organization. An organization that promotes building codes and legislation statewide that protects the public health, safety, and general welfare for the occupancy of buildings and structures. With your partnership, employees of your company will benefit from our ICC, local chapter, and industry vendor training opportunities. Also, as an ICCA member, you will be included in legislative updates about building and fire-related legislation.

Despite an ever-changing world, ICCA is working to ensure we remain a healthy and active organization. Your input and membership help us achieve those objectives and now your participation will improve our presence in matters related to improving building safety. ICCA looks forward to this new initiative and partnership.

If you are interested in joining the ICCA as an Associate Member, Please contact Jeff Stehman at <u>jstehman@att.net</u>. He will follow up with you regarding the next steps and be able to answer any questions that you may have.

Respectfully,

The Illinois Council of Code Administrators Board



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Associate Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in applying for an Associate Membership with ICCA. ICCA has played a strong role in lobbing for better building codes in Illinois for several decades. Your financial contribution helps us cover costs for lobbying action in Springfield, but even more important to us is you participation at meetings. We know you have a stake in code development and a staff of industry experts. Together private sector and municipal servants can direct and educate legislators in Springfield regarding building codes that will provide safe built structures for our communities and citizens. We look forward to a strong relationship with your company and encourage your participation at our meetings. Please provide the following information so that we have an understanding of who you are and how you are representing the code profession in Illinois.

Company Name:	
Address:	
City:	
Principal Contact:	Phone:
Our company performs the following services:	
Permit technician	
Plan reviews	
Property Maintenance	
□Building Official services	
Other:	
Approximate number of communities your company is servicing:	
The current membership dues are \$350 a year. Please print this completed application and include your check payable to: Illinois Council of Code Administrators Jeff Albertson, Treasurer 100 North Island Avenue Batavia, IL 60510	