

**STATE OF NEVADA**  
**NEVADA STATE FIRE MARSHAL PUBLIC HEARING**

December 17, 2015

9:00 am.

State Public Works Conference Room

515 E. Musser Street, Suite 102

Carson City, NV

Videoconference to: Las Vegas

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Present in Carson City:** Peter Mulvihill, Chief, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division  
Eric Guevin, Fire Marshal, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District  
Nathan Hastings, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office  
Gwen Barrett, Executive Administrative Assistant, State Fire Marshal Division

**Present in Las Vegas:** Doug Sartain, President, Certified Fire Protection  
Mike Kolpak, DPS Officer, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division

**I. Call to Order/Introductions of those in attendance**

Chief Mulvihill called to order the Public Hearing for LCB File No. R077-15.

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**III. Review and Intent to Act on the Proposed Regulation of the State Fire Marshal, LCB File No. R077-15, dated September 29, 2015, for changes to Nevada Administrative Code chapter 477 to remove requirements for a written, notarized application for licensing and certificates of registration for the fire protection industry and elimination of a requirement for an application for an original license for expired licenses. Public comment regarding these changes is welcome and will be accepted.**

Chief Mulvihill stated that there were no suggested changes during the public workshop; therefore no changes have been made to the draft. Nathan Hastings clarified a statement on the Agenda, line item 3, "Public comment regarding these changes is welcome and will be accepted." The phrase "and will be accepted" does not necessarily mean that comments will be incorporated into the regulation, but will be accepted for consideration.

Mr. Doug Sartain, Certified Fire Protection, stated that he has been doing business in Las Vegas and the State of Nevada for 38 years. He applauds the State Fire Marshal's office for removing the notary requirement as it is cumbersome. They fully accept and approve of the change.

Fire Marshal Eric Guevin, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District stated that the individuals he has spoken with from both small and large businesses fully support removing the notary

requirement because the regulation makes it easier to do business. He also indicated that the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada is in support.

Mr. Doug Sartain added that he spoke with other members of the business industry as well and they are in full support of the regulation change.

There were no additional comments. Chief Mulvihill stated for the record "As the State Fire Marshal I am declaring my intention to adopt these regulations today." Documentation will be filed with the LCB's legal division and will be added to the next meeting for the Legislative Commission. If accepted, it will go into effect on that date.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Fire Marshal Eric Guevin thanked Chief Mulvihill and his office for their support, in particular with assistance on a fatal fire last quarter in which the State Fire Marshal Division conducted a professional and thorough investigation. The fire hit a lot of demographics: nighttime, unattended cooking, no smoke detectors. Fire Marshal Eric Guevin's department went through the neighborhood giving information on smoke detectors. His department appreciates the support received from the State Fire Marshal's office and the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA.)

Mr. Doug Sartain appreciates the support of the State Fire Marshal Division and Investigator Kolpak. The mere presence of a State Fire Marshal Investigator has made a big improvement in the license holders' quality of work and he would like to see more Investigator positions in Las Vegas.

Mr. Doug Sartain made a request, considering the recent attacks in our nation, that licensees be required to carry a photo identification badge, which could stop the loaning of cards. He indicated that someone could work on fire sprinkler systems with the intent of causing a fire by disabling some of the fire protection systems. Chief Mulvihill thanked Mr. Doug Sartain for input and indicated that the two of them will get together to discuss further.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Chief Mulvihill adjourned the Public Hearing.