



## Kansas City PCH Voting Guide



*Welcome to Kansas City! This guide highlights five positions for sprinkler system proposals in the IRC, IBC and IFC for Cycle B that develops the 2018 editions of these codes. These proposals are critical for life safety and property protection in an ever-changing world. Please support these positions. Keep your calendar open for the Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV) in early November through the [www.cdpACCESS.com](http://www.cdpACCESS.com) website. Your vote is important and it counts!*

### **ADM 36**

PCH Action: **Approved as Modified by PC**

The original proposal removes the fire sprinkler requirement text for the occupancies permitted by the IBC to be constructed in the IRC.

In Kansas City, support Approved as Modified by the PC. It better correlates and reiterates the fire sprinkler requirement in the IRC. The PC language is cleaner and safeguards the fire sprinkler requirements for the IBC occupancies permitted in the IRC in jurisdictions that remove IRC Section R313. This will need 2/3 support of the membership.

### **F158**

PCH Action: **As Submitted** or **Approved as Modified by PC 1**

The original proposal lowered the sprinkler threshold to 4,500 sq.ft. and required fire sprinklers for shelters in E occupancies. The committee was nearly split having one or both options. The online assembly voted to support the original proposal by 60.12% (312) to 39.88% (207).

In Kansas City, support As Submitted. This action will continue the support as seen by the online vote. If As Submitted fails, move for As Modified by PC 1 or PC 2. This will need 2/3 support of the membership:

- PC 1 removes the criteria for Group E used as storm shelters but retains the sprinkler requirement at 4,500 sq.ft.
- PC 2 keeps the sprinkler threshold at 12,000 sq. ft. but retains the shelter sprinkler requirement.

### **F238**

PCH Action: Support the committee action for **Approved as Submitted**.

This proposal by the Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC) requires a fire sprinkler system in existing Group A-2 fire areas with an occupant load of 300 or more where alcoholic beverages are consumed. The Fire Code Committee in Louisville, KY supported this proposal by a vote of 12-2.

In Kansas City, support the FCAC and the Fire Code Committee action of Approved as Submitted.

### **RB51**

PCH Action: **Approved as Modified by PC**

This proposal closes a loophole in the IRC. Two-family dwellings are typically separated by a vertical fire resistance rated wall in the IRC. What if the two-family dwelling is stacked upon one another? The IRC does not address an adequate horizontal assembly with a fire resistance rating when this occurs. This proposal would mandate fire sprinklers with a 30-minute horizontal assembly, similar to what the IBC would require.

In Kansas City, support Approve as Modified by PC. This proposal provides the necessary protection for stacked properties and would not be affected when a jurisdiction removes Section R313. This will need 2/3 support of the membership.

### **RB129**

PCH Action: Support the committee action for **Disapproved**

This proposal puts residential fire sprinklers back into an appendix. However, the text of the proposal has several technical flaws that would actually break the IRC if passed by the membership. The IRC committee did not agree with this proposal. The ICC membership, in an online vote, did not agree with the proposal by a vote of 697 to 131.

In Kansas City, support the IRC Committee action of Disapproved. The IRC Committee has supported residential fire sprinklers in the IRC since the 2012 edition.