

ICCA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE –SEPT 2016 by Margaret Vaughn

GENERAL ASSEMBLY BECOMING REVOLVING DOOR

This summer alone, four legislators abruptly announced their resignations. In June Sen. William Delgado (D-Chicago) was replaced by Sen. Omar Aquino (D-Chicago) and Rep. John Anthony (R- Morris) was replaced by Rep. Dave Welter (R-Morris). In July Rep. Ron Sandack (R-Downers Grove) was replaced by Rep. David Olsen (R-Downers Grove) and a replacement has yet to be named for Sen. Matt Murphy (R-Palatine), who will be stepping down September 15th. In total 11 members have left the General Assembly since being sworn in back in January 2015 and a great number of others are not seeking re-election. So once again there will be many new faces at the Capitol come January and it is imperative that ICCA members continue to build up and maintain a rapport with their legislators and have an ongoing presence at the statehouse. If ICCA can afford to I think it would be beneficial to have a legislative reception this spring since there has been such a huge turnover with legislators in the past years few years.

Comptroller Slows Down Payment Cycle for Legislators Salaries

Legislators have only received two paychecks since April when Comptroller Leslie Munger announced she was going to be treating their paychecks like vendor bills rather than salaries and putting them in the que with the rest of the state's unpaid bills and pay them when money becomes available. Unlike other states whose legislature meets less often and make it somewhat feasible to hold down another job, many Illinois legislators are full-time lawmakers who don't have a "day" job. This has made it extremely difficult for them to support their families and pay their everyday bills. The natives are becoming extremely restless but as the rank and file, they have little say.

Overview of Legislation:

- **SB 2956** – Initiative of IL Attorney General's Office to update Environmental Barriers Act and IL Accessibility Code. AG reached out to ICCA to insure our concerns were addressed in the legislation. – *Signed into law...effective Jan 1st. CDB getting ready to file Illinois Accessibility*

Code rules with JCAR in the next week or so. If anyone has feedback please let me know ASAP.

- ***SB 2982 – Closes loophole in Roofing Act that had allowed employees to be completely exempt from having a roofing license to work on their employer’s roof. The legislation narrows the exemption to only “roof repair” as defined by the ICC which is just to maintain the current roof. Anything beyond that must be done through a licensed roofing contractor. - Governor Vetoed –Working on veto override. Meeting with Governor’s Office Oct. 5th as well as House & Senate GOP Leadership. Passed with enough votes for an override first time through. Governor’s office could not get past their initial perception that this was a “union bill” however the bill had no opposition and had the support of code officials, fire service, etc. Major safety and liability issue to have untrained individuals on roof and OSHA fines spiked by 80% on August 1st which could have crippling impact on business with a janitor on the roof.***
- ***HB 4529 although the Illinois Building Commission’s duties were absorbed by CDB years ago the actual law was never changed and this finally does that. - Signed into law effective July 28th.***
- ***HB 5913 requires 4 hours of continuing Ed annually to renew a plumber’s license and requires it to be supervised by a licensed plumber. Signed by the Governor***

Updated IDPH Plumbing Forms

I have contacted IDPH Chief of Staff Erik Rayman and requested that the IDPH directions, as well as the application form, for locals be revised to reflect the new changes that were included in the Plumbers Licensing Code which went into effect in June.

Mainly I referenced Section 750.800 (b) dealing with local governments submitting amendments:

- IDPH removed the “required forms and IDPH prescribed manner” to make it easier for locals;
- Deleted the inclusion of “supporting documentation” ;
- Removed the provision that IDPH has to “approve” the amendment but instead reads just “review”;* The Department shall

now review a proposed local ordinance and respond with feedback within 45 business days but have not have formal approval authority.

- The 45 business days IDPH response is also a huge victory for ICCA. It has been very problematic with IDPH not responding for months at a time and though we originally suggested a 90 response time, IDPH is making it 45 days.”

School Inspections by Fire Departments:

In May, OSFM adopted new Rules for qualifications for locals to do fire inspections at public schools. Though it was originally thought that third parties could continue to perform inspections now OSFM is saying the individual has to be an employee of the municipality. If your community uses a third party for this service, please let us know so we can address it.

Elevator Agreement Renewals Due

Local elevator agreements are coming do this fall to be submitted to OSFM. I attached a memo explaining the procedures from Thompson Elevator Inspection. There is also a notice on the OSFM website

<http://www.sfm.illinois.gov/Portals/0/docs/Commercial/Elevators/MunicipalitySafetyProgramAgreement.pdf?ver=2016-04-12-094424-400>