

# CODE ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION OF KENTUCKY DE TALK

Code Administrators Association of Kentucky

**BUILDING SAFETY:  
Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks**



**BUILDING  
SAFETY  
MONTH**  
MAY 2014

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

**Proclamation**

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Kentucky's efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and resilience in the built environment assure us that our structures are safe and sound; and
  - WHEREAS, Building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and
  - WHEREAS, These guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship and play; and
  - WHEREAS, The International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and
  - WHEREAS, Building Safety Month, sponsored by the International Code Council, reminds the public of the critical role of local code officials who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and
  - WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month: Code Officials Keep You Safe," the theme for Building Safety Month 2013, emphasizes the importance of building safety, green and resilient building, pool, spa and hot tub safety, backyard safety, and new technologies in the construction industry, encourages appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and
  - WHEREAS, Building Safety Month asks citizens to personally improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

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in Kentucky, and I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in Building Safety Month activities.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen and in the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*Steven L. Beshear*  
STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

*Alison Lunsford James*  
ALISON LUNSGORD JAMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE



Building Safety Month visit to Faith Christian School  
Boyd County, Kentucky



Proclamation from the Governor of Kentucky,  
the Honorable Steven L. Beshear

## President's Message

The 2014 CAAK 2 ½ Day Spring Conference is behind us, with a cooler than average weather pattern we all enjoyed another great conference with the over 170 attendee's, as we continue the long established tradition to provide the best educational / training and fellowship for the building code professionals of Kentucky.

Building Safety Month (MAY 2014) was a great success, with a State Building Safety Month Proclamation signed by Governor, Stephen L. Beshear and CAAK Chapter Proclamation. As we go to print we also have received Building Safety Month Proclamations from the Cities of Ashland, Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, Fort Thomas, Grayson, Independence, Lebanon, London, Louisville, Madisonville, Maysville, Morehead, Owingsville, Paducah, Paintsville, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Russell, Shelbyville, Somerset and West Liberty. In addition to the Counties of Boyd, Boone, Lawrence, McCracken, Shelby and Warren, with more expected in the near future. Once Again, Kentucky is a leader within the United States with assisting in spreading the good news of Building Safety, with proclamations, school visits, news briefs and public information booths, our efforts succeed in raising the profile of the Building Code Professional in Kentucky. If your jurisdiction issued a Building Safety Proclamation, News Release, performed a School Visit or provided a Public Information Booth please confirm that we have received a copy of this information to be posted on the International Code Council, Building Safety Month website page.



I was blessed to represent CAAK at the recent Tennessee Building Official's Association (TBOA), Annual Conference and the ICC Code Hearings in Memphis, Tennessee. The officer's and member's of the TBOA were most gracious in their hospitality / fellowship and the conference was a great experience. The ICC Code hearings were located downtown, a few blocks from Beal Street in the heart of Memphis. The Code Hearings offer a look into the ICC Code Development Process, with comment and votes by the committee on the proposed code changes. All eligible ICC voting members can access the code hearings and vote using the new ICC CDP Access.

I would like to encourage all members interested to take advantage of the 2014 CAAK Scholarship Program. We offer four Student Scholarships, a CAAK Member Scholarship and an ICC Conference Scholarship, the scholarship applications are available on the CAAK website. Please take advantage of this membership / family benefit.

I am pleased to announce that due to the successful recruitment efforts of Vice-President, Jeff Camp and Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Kirchdorfer, with the support of the CAAK Board of Directors. CAAK has secured the City of Louisville, Kentucky, International Convention Center as the location for the upcoming ICC 2016 (Group B Codes), April 17-24, 2016, the 2017 (Group C Codes) April 23-30, 2017 and the 2018 (Group A Codes) April 22-29, 2018, ICC Committee Action Hearings. This is an excellent example of the hard work your board performs for CAAK. Our members will have an opportunity to attend, participate and vote on the ICC Code change proposals in a central location to us all.

CAAK Board Member, Jeff Bechtold announces a run for the ICC Board of Directors. Please join us in support of Jeff and Alex "Cash" Olszowy, ICC Secretary / Treasurer as they represent CAAK at the ICC Annual Conference at the Greater Fort Lauderdale, Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, September 28-30 and Public Comment Hearings October 1-5, 2014.

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## Members in the news:

The City of Ashland, Repair Affair Program celebrates 14 years of Success. The City of Ashland, Department of Community Development held the 14th annual Repair Affair, with 44 projects completed and over 200 volunteers. The program has enjoyed over 730 projects completed in the past 14 years. Mike Miller, Director of Community Development, states that CAAK Members have been continuously involved in the Repair Affair Program since the inception. The Repair Affair Program assists low income and disabled homeowners with repairs to their homes.

Please take time to read the article “Code Officials Building a Brighter, More Efficient Tomorrow in Morgan County, Kentucky” in the April Issue of the ICC Building Safety Journal.

As Always, Thank You for your Service, Be Safe and God Bless!

Ron Hampton, President

# Spring Conference

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What a time we had at the 2014 CAAK Spring Conference. Three full days of meals, BBQ, cornhole tournament, Texas Hold'em and oh yea, some new educational classes. The conference was one of our largest in some time with new faces joining our organization. The conference was our first introduction to the new State adopted Tent Program (see page 4) For those not able to attend the Spring Conference, our 2014 Fall Conference will be held this year at the Holiday Inn in Louisville, Ky. Information and registration forms will be forthcoming in the next several months so watch the CAAK Website and your mailbox for more info. Hope to see all of you in October!





## Kentucky Tent Program

The Kentucky Tent Program is designed to help streamline the approval and use of tents that are utilized and sited in the Commonwealth on a temporary basis (180 days maximum). The program is designed to first approve a model or line of tents from a manufacturer. Once the model tent approval is issued by this office, the tent shall be submitted for site placement approval. The tent model approval is a one-time approval until the tent or line of tents goes through a structural modification, then a subsequent tent model submission would be required to approve the new modification. When a tent has obtained model approval a separate site placement approval shall be obtained by state or local building departments. The site placement submittal is required each time a tent is to be erected, unless the tent(s) meets the definition of "private event" as defined by the Kentucky Building Code.

Additional links to frequently asked questions, along with forms necessary for submittals are under Quick Links. If you have any questions regarding the program, contact Dale Spicer or Winnie Blythe at 502-573-0373.

### Tent Model Approval Overview

Each manufacturer shall submit all tents in their inventory that will be bought, sold or placed in the state of Kentucky. The intent of the model approval is to streamline the approval process by only requiring one structural review of the tent. Once model approval has been issued, a site placement approval will not require structural drawings to be submitted.

### Site Placement Approval



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## 2014 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- AIA 1-Day Classes June 18-Owensboro / June 19-N. Kentucky
- ICC Annual Conference, Oct 1 —Oct 5, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl
- CAAK Fall Conference, Oct 19— Oct 22, Holiday Inn-Hurstborne, Louisville, Ky

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### THE CAAK MISSION

CAAK's strategic mission is to advance the professionalism of code users by expanding CAAK's membership base and loyalty, and by asserting the influence of the organization upon the adoption, use and efficient and effective enforcement of model codes. For a membership application, contact Jim Branham at 859-509-6122 or go to [caak.org](http://caak.org).

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#### Frequently Asked Question concerning the Tent Programs



**Q: When writing a check for state model approval or state site approval, who do I make the payment to?**

A: All checks shall be made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

**Q: What is the minimum size of a tent that needs to be submitted for model approval?**

A: Tents having an area in excess of 400 square feet or more.

**Q: How do I determine if a site placement submittal is at the state or local building inspection program?**

A: If tent is located within the city limits call the mayor's office and see if there is a Level 1 local inspection program, if no Level 1 inspection program exists then site placement approval shall be at a state level. If there is a Level 1 inspection program, the local building official can issue a site placement approval for occupant loads of 100 or less. For site placement in the county, contact the county judge executive and inquire the same as described above.

**Q: Can a local inspection program issue a model approval?**

A: No, the Division of Building Codes Enforcement issues all tent model approvals.

**Q: What is the fee for a tent model approval and site placement approval?**

A: Refer to [Section 430.0](#) (Page 25) of the 2013 Kentucky Building Code or the forms page for a fee schedule for tents. The minimum fee for model approval is \$250 for a single tent and \$250 for a line of tents. The minimum fee for site placement approval is \$125 for a single tent and for multiple tents there is a sliding fee scale. Refer to [Table 430.4.1](#) (Page 25) of the 2013 Kentucky Building Code.

**Q: Are private events exempt from this site placement approval?**

A: Yes, if it meets the definition of "Private Event," which is defined as "any event that involves the use of temporary structures which are not open to the public, regardless of whether on public or private property, and do not charge an admission fee if occupied by less than 1,000 occupants."