The RCAC was asked to review two issues regarding potential conflicts with the RCO.

The City of Cincinnati sets requirements for smoke alarms in existing residential one-, two-, and three-family dwellings. The question as to whether this set of requirement is in conflict with the RCO was brought to the RCAC. The RCAC determined it was not in conflict with the RCO because Cincinnati’s rule applies to existing uses only, and is not applicable to a remodeling project, an addition, or new construction.

A landlord asked the RCAC to review a City of Cincinnati requirement for licensed contractors to perform work on residential homes that are not owner-occupied (i.e. rental homes). The RCAC determined that this requirement was not in conflict with the RCO.

The RCAC also was asked to review its previous decision that would allow commercial cooking appliances to be used in a one-, two-, or three family dwellings, even if the appliance is not “listed” for residential use. See Section 2447 of the RCO. A subcommittee has been formed to review the issue and report back to the RCAC. The sub-committee will meet @ 9:00 AM on April 22,2015.

Finally, the RCAC received a request to recommend the adoption of the 2014 NEC. The issue was tabled until the April 22, 2015 meeting. Some members of the RCAC expressed concern over some of the new requirements in the NEC, so the discussion should be interesting.

The RCAC meetings are held at the Ohio board of Buildings Offices at 6606 Tussing Rd. Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 22, subcommittee @ 9:00, RCAC committee @ 10:00.

Respectfully, Jack W. Pryor