LEGAL ACTION REPORT / MEETING MINUTES

Tucson-Pima County Joint Consolidated Code Committee

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
   Meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Bright at 10:01 a.m.

   Members:

Rick Bright	Present
Dennis Coon	Present (Online)
Fred Knapp	Present
Jeff Hamstra	Absent
Ken Cawthorne	Present
Thomas Hayes	Present
Dave Gibbens	Present

   Staff:

   Clayton Trevillyan, COT
   Dan Ice, Pima County
   Sarah Davis, Pima County
   Ian Gillaspie, COT
   Juan Quintana, COT

2. **Approval of meeting minutes**
   Dave Gibbens made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2026 meeting. This motion was duly seconded by Thomas Hayes and carried by a voice vote of 4-0.

3. **Call to the audience**
   No comments from audience members.

4. **Committee discussion on the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code update**
   Chair Rick Bright reminds the committee that this discussion is for code amendments to Pima County only. Dennis Coon and Ken Cawthorne confirmed that an evaporative cooled warehouse with minimal supplemental heating would still fall under the low energy use exception. Dennis Coon made a motion to accept the language change to section C in 406.1 of the IECC in accordance with the exhibit presented by Pima County. Motion was seconded by Dave Gibbens. Motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0.

5. **Earthen wall building materials**
   Dave Gibbens declined the nomination of chair for the Earthen building materials sub-committee. The interested parties were advised as to the best direction to take regarding

future code changes for earthen building materials as there is currently no direction from Mayor and Council to pursue any changes to this code. Dave Gibbens made a motion to stand-down the earthen building materials sub-committee. Thomas Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0.

6. **GFCI requirements for HVAC units.**
   Dennis Coon stated that the NFPA has denied the appeal to delay the implementation of the HVAC GFCI requirement until September 1, 2028. The committee discussed the various safety reasons for the code as well as the arguments for it's delay. Ultimately the committee decided that in the absence of direction from Mayor & Council to pursue this amendment they would not be able to consider it further without additional data supplied by SAHBA and the NFPA. No motions were made.

7. **Future agenda items**
   A meeting will be scheduled for November 18, 2026 to discuss the following items:
   - Micro Cabins and Emergency Housing (City of Tucson only)
   - Waterless Toilet Code Amendments (City of Tucson only)
   - Accessibility and the Inclusive Home Design Ordinance

8. **Adjournment**
   Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.