

**MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND SWIMMING POOL  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
MINUTES**

**July 14, 2009**

Public notice having been posted, a public hearing of the MPE Board was held at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2009, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas.

**MPE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anthony McColum, Chairman  
Terry Williams  
Ronnie Carlson  
Rick Kelley

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Sartor  
Alice Adams

**GUESTS:** Bobby Sartor, Jr.  
Gary Neal

1. The meeting was called to order by Anthony McColum, Chairman.
2. The next item to come before the Board was the approval of the May 12, 2009 minutes. A motion was made by Terry Williams, and seconded by Rick Kelley, to approve the minutes as written. Said motion unanimously passed.
3. The next matter to come before the Board was consideration, with possible action, regarding the request of Bobby Sartor, Jr. of Atlas Plumbing, to consider approval of waterless urinals as an alternative to water-supplied urinals. David Sartor, Building Official, addressed the Board advising them they were being asked to consider approval of waterless urinals complying with one of the following standards, ANSI Z124.9 or ASME A112.12.19, as an alternative to water-supplied urinals. He advised the Board that Chapter 1 of the International Plumbing Code has a provision that allows the Building Official authority to approve alternate methods of construction or materials, or, in the alternative, this Board may also approve alternate methods of construction or materials. Mr. Sartor said that because of his relationship with the proponent, he felt it would be best for the Board to hear the case and make a decision on this request. David Sartor said we are currently under the 2003 IPC, which does not recognize waterless urinals. He said the City is currently reviewing the 2009 IPC for adoption, and this Code does recognize the use of waterless urinals complying with the ASME A112.19.19 and ANSI Z124.9, and approves them for use. The urinals have a biodegradable vegetable oil seal in the trap, which allows the fluids to flow through the oil material and into the drainage system and the oil prevents sewer gases or odors from coming back into the building. He said that documentation shows that a water urinal can use up to 40,000 gallons of water a year so these waterless urinals would reduce the amount of water the City would have to produce, as well as lower the demand on the sewerage treatment facilities for the amount of water that has to be treated. David Sartor said Staff has no objection to approving this alternate method.

Bobby Sartor said a couple of his customers had asked him about installing these waterless urinals. He said their reason for wanting them was to save water. Since waterless urinals are not accepted in the 2003 IPC, he had to bring the matter to this Board for their consideration. After discussion, a motion was made by Rick Kelley to approve this request to use waterless urinals as an alternative to water-supplied urinals. The motion was seconded by Ronnie Carlson and unanimously passed.

4. Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

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Anthony McColum, Chairman

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Alice Adams, Acting Secretary