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## Municipal Code Change Updates

### Aurora Oil and Gas Updates

Aurora has formed a committee to discuss its draft amendments to the Oil and Gas Section of the Zoning Code and the pending well permits in unincorporated Adams County. The committee has its first meeting on March 9th from 9am to 10 am in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Aspen Room of the Aurora Municipal Center. For more information, contact Steve Ormiston.

### Aurora Architectural Features and Design Standards Update

City of Aurora staff is finalizing amendments to the city's Architectural Features and Design Standards for review by a committee of the City Council. The amendments include more flexibility to homebuilders in meeting the standards while achieving quality architecture. The Joint Task Force will discuss the amendments mid-March. For more information, please contact Chérie Talbert.

### Broomfield Engineering Specs and Standards

Builders met with City of Broomfield staff February 16<sup>th</sup> along with their geotech engineers seeking to clarify proposed roadway section standards. City staff will take the input provided and finalize amendments for distribution to builders for review and comment. For more information, please contact Steve Ormiston.

### Castle Rock Performance and Warranty Surety

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, builders met with Town of Castle Rock staff to discuss amending the Town's surety requirements to avoid excessive cost to builders/developers. Town staff hopes to have a proposal ready for review by March. For more information, please contact Steve Ormiston.

### Parker Kiosk Signage

Builders are seeking support from the Town of Parker for an off-site directional signage program to help potential homebuyers find housing in new neighborhoods. Builders met February 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss progress. For more information, please contact Chérie Talbert.

## Municipal Process Improvement Updates

### Denver Developer's Advisory Group

Denver has issued a Development Services Strategic Plan aimed at improving service to developers and builders seeking development approvals. The City formed a Developer's Advisory Group to assist the City in its implementation of the Plan. For more information, please contact Chérie Talbert.

### Denver Audit Focus Group

Denver is conducting an internal audit of the building permitting and inspection processes in an effort to improve these processes. The City has formed a Denver Audit Focus Group to provide input. Builders met with staff on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, please contact Chérie Talbert.

### Cornejo is New Denver Public Works Manager

February 28th Denver Mayor Michael Hancock announced that Jose "Pepe" Cornejo will be the new Manager of Public Works. Cornejo, the brother-in-law of previous Denver Mayor Bill Vidal, is president and chief executive for J.F. Sato and Associates in Littleton. He will be sworn in on April 14th. Mayor Hancock still must find a manager of Community Planning and Development.

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Member Advantage  
Breakfast  
Thursday, March 1  
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
HBA Education Room  
Contact: Jeff Whiton  
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CO. Chapter ICC  
Educational Institute  
March 5 – 9  
Registration closes  
February 17  
Visit  
[www.coloradochaptericc.org](http://www.coloradochaptericc.org)

Jobsite Safety Committee  
Tuesday, March 20  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
HBA lower level conference  
room  
Contact: Chérie Talbert  
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Government Affairs  
Committee  
Tuesday, March 27  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
HBA Board Room  
Contact: : Chérie Talbert  
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Steve Ormiston,  
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Builder Product Expo  
Thursday, March 29  
3:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Hyatt Regency DTC  
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LINKS:

City of Aurora Council  
Agenda Link:  
[www.auroragov.org/auroragov/government/city\\_council/meetings\\_agendas\\_and\\_minutes/index.htm](http://www.auroragov.org/auroragov/government/city_council/meetings_agendas_and_minutes/index.htm)

City /County of Denver  
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[www.denvergov.org/default.aspx?alias=www.denvergov.org/citycouncil](http://www.denvergov.org/default.aspx?alias=www.denvergov.org/citycouncil)

## Regional Issues Updates

### Code and Fire Officials Residential Fire Sprinkler Cost Study Group

The Colorado Chapter of ICC and FMAC Ad Hoc Group on residential fire sprinklers met January 29<sup>th</sup> to begin a study to determine the range of prices for such installations. This information will then be used to provide accurate information to HBA members on government policy makers. For more information please contact Steve Ormiston.

### DRCOG "Boomer Bond" Initiative

DRCOG has formed a special project team to solicit participation in preparation of a plan to meet the needs of the aging population. If you are interested in participating, please contact Chérie Talbert.

## Publications

### Publications Coming Soon :

*HBA of Metro Denver Oil and Gas Position Paper*

*HBA of Metro Denver Comparison of Oil and Gas Regulations by Local Governments*

### Available Now:

NAHB January 2012, *The Local Impact of Home Building in Denver, Colorado* - Executive Summary

NAHB January 2012, *The Local Impact of Home Building in Denver, Colorado* - Full Report

## Events and Other Information

### HBA has expanded the Advocacy Team

The HBA has established an expanded advocacy team of Chérie Talbert, Vice President of Public Affairs, Jeff Whiton, HBA CEO and Steve Ormiston, SCO Consulting, LLC. This team will cover building and development issues advocating on the industry's behalf within the 32 jurisdictions in the 8-county metro Denver area.

If there are any issues you'd like the advocacy team to address, contact Chérie at 303-551-6734, [ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com) or Jeff Whiton at 303-551-6729, [jwhiton@hbadenver.com](mailto:jwhiton@hbadenver.com).

### Builder Product Night is March 29<sup>th</sup> – Register ASAP!

Builder Product Night is coming up quickly on Thursday, March 29, 2012. Many new services and products will be presented to builders. Builder Members can attend for FREE and Associate Members are \$35. Please register at [www.hbadenver.com](http://www.hbadenver.com).

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If you are not an HBA member but would like to become one, please contact Jeff Whiton at [jwhiton@hbadenver.com](mailto:jwhiton@hbadenver.com).

If you have questions about government affairs or any advocacy issue, please contact Cherie Talbert at [ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com), Jeff Whiton at [jwhiton@hbadenver.com](mailto:jwhiton@hbadenver.com) or Steve Ormiston at [ormis10@aol.com](mailto:ormis10@aol.com).

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