

From: Bob Rees [mailto:RR@magictouchcorp.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 4:40 PM
To: Carol Duncan
Subject: International Property Code

I want you to know that I think this property code being brought up to City Council to be adopted in Jonesboro

Is absolutely terrible. I do not think code enforcement has any business going into a person house or apartment and I know there is nobody now that works in code enforcement that has the education and training to evaluate properties to see if they are in violation of this code.

I was one of about 15 people that met 6 or 8 times going over this International Property Code. We went through all this code book and we all agreed that the book would not work in Jonesboro and we rewrote this code to be what we though would work in Jonesboro. Our version has been thrown away and the total International Property Code is being brought up to the City Council for passage.

Please do not support this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Rees". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Subject: FW: Warnings about J'boro property code, 2012.

Date: Mon, 15 Jun 2015 21:33:31 -0500

GENTLEMEN:

I THINK YOU SHOULD REFER THIS ISSUE BACK TO THE ORIGINAL COMMITTEE AND LET THEM WORK WITH COUNCILMAN FRIERSON AND LEGAL COUNCIL DUNCAN TO DEVELOP A CODE THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO OUR CITIZENS, USING EXCERPTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CODE AND DEALING WITH THE OUTSIDE OF THE STRUCTURES AS ORIGINAL PROPOSED.

PLEASE READ THE PROPOSED 2012 CODE, NOT TAKE THE WORDS OF THOSE THAT ARE PUSHING THIS AGENDA.

IF YOU VOTE TO ADOPT THIS CODE, WE WILL BE SADDLED WITH IT FOREVER, PER COUNCILMAN MOORE, WHO ANSWERED MY QUESTION ABOUT FUTURE CHANGES, HE SAID, THE CITY WILL JUST ACCEPT THE CHANGES AND IT WILL BE LEFT UP TO THE PUBLIC TO LEARN ABOUT THEM. THAT IS NOT THE WAY TO HAVE THE COOPERATION FROM OUR CITIZENS.

ALSO, ANY COUNCILPERSON WHO MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THE ENACTMENT OF THIS CODE VIA THEIR PROFESSION OCCUPATION SHOULD RECLUSE THEMSELVES FROM DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON THIS CODE. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE WITHOUT ME HAVING TO PRINT YOUR NAMES. YOUR ACTIONS DO NOT PASS THE SMELL TEST, NOR THE INTEGRITY TEST.

WE CAN NOT CLEAN UP OUR COMMUNITY BY PAINTING UP THE PIG.

THE PROBLEM IS THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT LIVING IN RENTAL PROPERTIES, THE POLICE ARREST THEM, THE JUDGES LET THEM OUT ON BOND AND THEN THE PROSECUTOR PLEA BARGINS A SHORT SENTENCE. THEY ARE BACK ON THE STREETS AFTER 60/90/120 DAYS. THEY SERVE THEIR TIME WATCHING TV IN A AIR CONDITION FACILITY.

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Date: Mon, 15 Jun 2015 13:23:26 -0400

From: blhester@m34u.net

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Subject: Warnings about J'boro property code
CC:

Re: The International Property Maintenance Code (IMPC) that Jonesboro City Council is Considering with the 2nd reading tomorrow night, Tuesday, June 16:

Below are warnings that came from people who have had experience with these international property codes in the past. The first one listed in red font below is enough to make any conservative object to the IPMC. Numbered warnings in red font are taken from an article at this link: <http://www.infowars.com/agenda-21-is-being-rammed-down-the-throats-of-local-communities-all-over-america/> (You may have to copy the link into your browser to get it to work)

Note the following quote from the Sun today, June 15, "**But Alderman Gene Vance said June 2 he wants to amend it to apply to all property, including single family residential, commercial and industrial properties.**" **Whether they adopt it now or later for all property, the goal and the end result they will accomplish through gradualism is for all property, including your home, if they are not stopped before it is too late.**

Warnings Gleaned From Those Who Have Had Past Experience with the International Property Maintenance Codes are in red font below. Many of these will not happen right away, but gradually they will if this Code is adopted.

1) The 'Code Official' – anybody the jurisdiction calls – a 'Code Official' – is the sole interpreter – no due process – Gestapo!

I, Bob Hester, found a copy of the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code online that reads under Section 104 at the link below that lists the "**DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CODE OFFICIAL.**" Many powers are listed, i.e. **104.1** General. The code official shall enforce the provisions of this code. And **102.8 Requirements not covered by code.** Requirements necessary for the strength, stability or proper operation of an existing fixture, structure or equipment, or for the public safety, health, and general welfare, **not specifically covered by this code, shall be determined by code official.**
<http://linesville.net/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2012/11/property-maintenance-code-2006-pre-linesville.pdf>

I have checked the International Code for 2006 and found the principles in many of the following statements to be included in the international property codes, but I haven't had time to check all of them.

2) Every day an offense occurs is a separate mandatory misdemeanor – \$555/day and/or a month in jail in Charleston, W.Va. They can fine you out of your home and jail you at their

whim! [Separate Offense is confirmed in the 2006 IPMC. I could not find the later versions of the IMPC but noted several places where you could buy the books for \$30.00 or more.]

3) Anything the 'Code Official' says is not in good working condition – sticky window, dented or plugged gutter, torn window screen – whatever he says is not in good working order – hundreds of dollars of fines per day and/or jail time – usually a month – for every day the offense occurs.

4) Any unsanitary condition – whatever the 'Code Official' says is an 'unsanitary condition' – empty pop cans – puddles – dog droppings on your property – same deal – same fines and/or jail time – every day.

5) Any plant that the 'Code Official' says is a 'noxious weed' – same deal – same fines and/or jail time – every day. He can steal raw land.

6) He can fine you out of your home and jail you with no due process. Any court proceedings are window dressing as there is no remedy associated with this 'code.'

7) It can be 'adopted' – just by an 'administrative decree.'

WITHOUT COURT ACTION OR NOTICE THE CODE OFFICIAL CAN:

1) Enter your house whenever he – the sole interpreter – deems reasonable.

2) Prevent you from entering your house.

3) Tear your house down with your stuff in it.

4) Bill you for the demolition.

5) Place a lien on it for fines and/or demolition charges – steal it.

6) And 'best' of all, no insurance I know of will cover your losses.

You're left w/a house and your 'stuff' in a landfill – and any remaining unpaid mortgage, any remaining fines, any remaining taxes, and any remaining demolition charges after they steal your property

These codes restrict what homeowners can do with their own properties in thousands of different ways. If you rebel against one of the codes, the penalties can be extremely harsh. And there is often "selective enforcement" of these codes. That means that they will leave most people alone but they will come down really hard on people that they do not like. You could even end up with a SWAT team on your doorstep.

Even if you have your mortgage completely paid off, that doesn't mean that you really "own" your property. If you don't pay your taxes and obey the "codes", you could lose your property very rapidly.

The philosophy behind all of this is the same philosophy behind Agenda 21. The elite believe that you cannot be trusted to do the "right thing" with your own property and that your activity must be "managed" for the greater good. They believe that by controlling you and restricting your liberties that they are "saving the planet".

Unfortunately, you can probably expect this to get a whole lot worse in the years ahead. Our society is shifting from one that cherishes individual liberties and freedoms to one that is fully embracing collectivism. So our politicians will likely be making even more of our decisions for us as the years move forward.

Note: Someone just gave me a link to the International Code under consideration which is I understand is the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code. I noted there were International Codes for 2003, 2006,

2009, 2012 and 2015 that you could order for \$30 plus dollars. The 2012 Code says it is copywrited. That is another big negative for it. Codes should be easily available to citizens. That link is: <http://www.nealandlord.com/pdf/IPMC.pdf>

From: Karen Hubbard [<mailto:karen.hubbard71@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 9:30 AM
To: Donna Jackson
Subject: Adoption of 2012 international code

I am unsure what councilman zone I live in to send this directly. Our address is 5913 Pacific Road, Jonesboro. Would you please forward this to our representative?

I ask our councilman to vote NO on this ordinance.

I realize at this point it is only being directed at multi-family housing, but it is just a matter of time before it creeps into single family owned homes. I have read the codes and the powers granted and I believe this is yet another form of government over reach and a form of land grabbing. This code allows people you do not know to enter your home at any time and prevent you as the owner from entering.

This is unbelievable that our city council could ever believe that this is appropriate for Jonesboro.

Further, I will be finding out who our councilman is for our district and if he votes in favor of this measure I will make it my personal mission to inform as many voters as possible on what this document says and make sure he has difficulty getting elected to another term. I feel that strongly against this.

Thank you,
Darryl & Karen Hubbard
Sent from my iPhone

From: Kyla Tyler [<mailto:tylerkyla@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 2:06 PM

To: Donna Jackson

Subject: International Property Code

Sir,

My name is Kyla Tyler and I am a registered voter in Jonesboro. I have received information that the City Council will be discussing and voting on the 2012 International Property Code tonight at their meeting. I would like to go on record that I am opposed to this proposal. While I no longer own a home in Jonesboro, I might again one day and I do not want anyone in my home uninvited. There are already enough codes on the books about how my property has to look, function, etc. As long as what happens on my property isn't illegal or injurious to someone else, the City should have no right to fine or charge me for "code violations" that do not exist. Please vote against this proposal.

Thank you,
Kyla Tyler

From: Thomas Reeves [<mailto:thimbletom@suddenlink.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 1:30 PM

To: Harold Perrin

Cc: Rennell Woods Contact; Ann Williams; John Street; Charles Coleman; Tim McCall; chrismooreplumbing@yahoo.com; Darrel Dover; Donna Jackson; Chris Gibson; Mitch Johnson; Charles Frierson; Gene Vance_Contact

Subject: WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE JONESBORO PROPERTY CODE ENDORSED BY BARACK OBAMA

Honorable Mayor Perrin and City Council Members:

We strongly oppose the Jonesboro Property Code endorsed by Barack Obama.

After we retired in 1999 we moved to Jonesboro in 2000. We chose Jonesboro after several years of research and traveling to other cities and believed Jonesboro best fit the standards we had set for the place we would retire. At that time Jonesboro met our requirements, but *Jonesboro is no longer the "Jonesboro" we chose and moved to, primarily because of the ever increasing government encroachment into our lives and property rights*, some of which we believe to be unconstitutional. Over the last two or three years we have been very disappointed with our city council – and we are just being honest with you when we tell you that.

Our only son does not live in Jonesboro, does not live in Arkansas. Maybe it's time we started more seriously considering moving away to be closer to our son and his family. The city in which he lives does not presently have a city council headed in the direction Jonesboro's city council seems to be headed. You brag about Jonesboro's growth, without recognizing the fact that the growth Jonesboro is experiencing is the wrong kind of growth.

The notes below contain some information describing the reasons we strongly oppose the Jonesboro Property Code.

Please take note, and *vote against the Jonesboro Property Code. If you do indeed have Jonesboro's citizens' best interest in the forefront of your minds* you will vote against the Property Code.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Reeves
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There are numerous caveats in regard to the International Property Maintenance Code being proposed in Jonesboro. Documentation is included.

The International Property Maintenance is just one of the 15 "Family of International Codes," which come under the umbrella of **International Code Council (ICC)**, all designed to work

together toward government control of all building and land use design - top down control of all our property. 1

Why would we want to aid Obama in his socialist takeover of our country? "For the fourth consecutive year, President Obama proclaimed May to be National Building Safety Month - a public awareness campaign originated by the **International Code Council.**" 2 This proclamation was in regard to International Building Code that is one of the "Family of International Codes" just as is the International Property Maintenance Code being proposed for Jonesboro.

Most people are opposed to more government control until it seems to provide them with some desired goal. Government control always provides some desirable temporary effects; otherwise socialism would never flourish as it is in our nation today. However, in the long run and for most people, the negative unintended consequences far outweigh the positives.

Welfare is a perfect example of that - it was designed to get rid of poverty but instead perpetuates the problems it was supposed to alleviate and disincentives workers. Only 58.6 of the population age 16 and older are in the workforce today. 3 In total the US spends nearly \$1 trillion every year to fight poverty. **That amounts to \$20,610 for every poor person in America, or \$61,830 per poor family of three.** <http://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/PA694.pdf> "The American Welfare State Policy Analysis 2012" 4

The emphasis on the Maintenance code is for the benefit of those dependent on the government - the takers in society rather than for the benefit of the contributors to society - in other words it is another form of redistribution of wealth which is classic socialism.

Socialists are working in hundreds of way to redistribute the wealth and bring our nation to total socialism. And adding to the burden of all rental property owners and taxpayers is just one more of those thousand ways to bring about dependency on the government which is Obama's plan. The taxpayers will pay for those higher code standards through subsidized housing like HUD.

A family member who rents HUD housing said it was unbelievable how one could keep raising the rent on the HUD housing and the government keeps paying. And who pays the government? And we all know what happens to nice public housing - it is destroyed because people don't take care of "free" things. It will be like the welfare programs. In fact, it is a type of welfare. The government will grow at the expense of the taxpayer supposedly for the benefit of the poor people, but the poor people will be no better off.

Jonesboro Vision 2030 reads: "**Provide equitable access for all residents to appropriate housing of their choice regardless** of race, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, gender, familial status, age, physical or mental disabilities, **income, or source of income.**" 5 Policy HOU 11.3 page 124 Chapter 11.

(I noted that all my links to Jonesboro Vision 2030 have been scrubbed, but I have most of the chapters saved in PDF form on my computer as well as a hard copy.)

Socialists accomplish everything through gradualism. The International Property Maintenance Code is just one more step toward the stated goal of Vision 2030 quoted just above. And I have been told that the Code says it is for residential property as well. I have not been able to locate a copy of the code to read it yet. If it doesn't say that, it is obvious from doing the research that is

the end goal. Therefore if you ever want to sell or rent your house (or your deceased parents' house, you could be looking at thousands of dollars to upgrade your house to the required code.)

Yes, it may be nice to have your neighborhood free from those unsightly dilapidated buildings - the perspective many are coming from. But is it worth the cost and most of all is it worth your freedom - because the rental problem is just one step of gradualism which will one day be controlling your home, temperature, amount of energy in the way of gas, electricity, etc that you use. Have you noticed those statements that compare your use of gas, water, etc. to your neighbors? They are setting the standard even now. Some global warming advocates even want to do away with your air conditioning. 6

And yes it would be nice to know that every person had a nice comfortable residence to live in, but that will never be. All this will just lead to our country becoming a third world socialist/communist country; and we all know how well people in those countries fare.

Documentation

1. List of 15 Family of International Codes <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/overview/about-international-code-council/>

2. <http://www.usgbc.org/articles/president-obama-proclaims-may-be-building-safety-month>
President Obama proclaims May to be Building Safety Month

3. <http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/terence-p-jeffrey/90473000-record-number-not-labor-force-almost-10m-under-obama> 58.6 percent of population in labor force. "90,473,000: Record Number Not in Labor Force--Up Almost 10M Under Obama"

4. <http://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/PA694.pdf> "The American Welfare State, "How We Spend Nearly \$1 Trillion a Year Fighting Poverty--and Fail" Policy Analysis, April 11, 2012 "In total the US spends nearly \$1 trillion every year to fight poverty. That amounts to \$20,610 for every poor person in America, or \$61,830 per poor family of three."

5. Quote from JonesboroVision 2030 - **"Provide equitable access for all residents to appropriate housing of their choice regardless of...income or source of income."** Policy HOU11.3 on page 124 Chapter 11.

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6. p. 45 – At the 1992 Rio Earth Summit where the Agenda for the 21st Century was introduced, Chairman Maurice Strong said: "Current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class – involving high meat intake use of fossil fuels, appliances, **home and work-place air-conditioning**, and suburban housing – are not sustainable."

From: Thomas Reeves [<mailto:thimbletom@suddenlink.net>]

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:52 AM

To: Harold Perrin

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Subject: Re: WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE JONESBORO PROPERTY CODE ENDORSED BY BARACK OBAMA - CANDID FEEDBACK

Honorable Mayor Perrin and City Council Members – **Some CANDID FEEDBACK:**

You wisely tabled the Jonesboro Property Code Endorsed by Barack Obama, and we appreciate that. That was a small 'ray of hope' for us and will give you a little time to think about what you are about to do TO Jonesboro's citizens and the backlash adopting that code is sure to bring your way. We strongly oppose that code and will continue to do so.

We believe *you know as well as we do that that code is a moral and equitable wrong* against Jonesboro's citizens and society in general. We also believe you know that code, if passed, will be an unconstitutional infringement upon individual property rights. How can you seriously consider implementing such a code and call yourself(ves) 'representatives' of Jonesboro's citizens?

We also know as well as you do that *Jonesboro's citizens are fed up with that kind of trash.* We believe *that kind of irresponsible legislation is costing you* (and has already cost you) and the City Council Members *support and respect. You were elected to protect us, not to do us harm.* That's not hearsay; that is exactly the way we feel. Most of Jonesboro's citizens do not take the time to comment on City Council decisions of that nature, but the adverse feelings are there; and we think you know it. If you don't you're too far removed from Jonesboro society and have no business 'representing' us. The topics are discussed in our Sunday School Classes, in our coffee meetings, group gatherings, etc. and those conversations are initiated by others, not by us.

If you should ignore common sense, and the individual property rights guaranteed by our U.S. Constitution, and *pass that code over Jonesboro's citizens' objections, don't be surprised if Jonesboro's citizens take action to reverse your decision.* We will be among those actively and aggressively seeking to reverse it. We're to the point where we would be willing to spend some money to participate in a lawsuit to have a decision to implement that code declared unconstitutional – an action nobody but the attorneys win – lose/lose for you, for us, for Jonesboro's citizens and for the city of Jonesboro. We would view that action on your part as a willful and intentional harm to Jonesboro's citizens.

It's time to stop this junk! If you don't do it, Jonesboro's citizens will. We wish we didn't have to feel that way; however, you're forcing those feelings upon us against our wills and we have reached the 'line in the sand.'

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