



EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-7
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
GOVERNOR'S CONSTRUCTION CODES ADVISORY COUNCIL

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, multiple state agencies regulate numerous construction activities in order to assure safe, quality structures and buildings in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, these regulatory agencies seek to eliminate duplication and unnecessary regulations and requirements and offer a coordinated set of construction statutes, rules, standards, and licenses; and

WHEREAS, the statutes, rules, and standards should be written to eliminate construction requirements that could unnecessarily increase costs, retard the use of new materials and methods of installation, or provide unwarranted preferential treatment to types or classes of materials or products or methods of construction; and

WHEREAS, a statewide forum is needed to discuss, debate, and provide regulatory agencies, the legislature, and the governor advice on issues related to construction regulations in Minnesota;

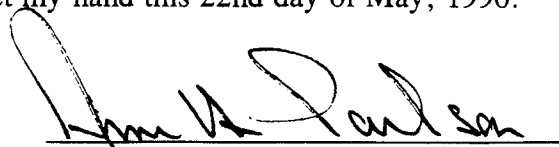
NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Governor's Construction Codes Advisory Council shall be established.
2. Council membership shall be composed of not more than 15 persons, who shall include:
 - The commissioner or the commissioner's designee from the departments of:
 - Administration - Building Code and Standards Division,
 - Health - Environmental Health Division,
 - Public Safety - Fire Marshal Division, and
 - Public Service - Energy Regulation and Resource Management Division;
 - Minnesota Building Officials representative;
 - State Fire Code Committee representative;
 - American Institute of Architects member;
 - Consulting Engineers Council member;
 - Building Owners and Managers Association member;
 - Builders Association of Minnesota member;
 - Associated General Contractors of Minnesota member;
 - Associated Builders and Contractors member;
 - Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors member;
 - Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association member;
 - League of Minnesota Cities member;
 - Two members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, one from each caucus, as ex officio, nonvoting members; and
 - Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, one from each caucus, as ex officio, nonvoting members.
3. Terms of members shall be for two years and members may be reappointed, but in no case shall terms exceed that of the governor.

4. The governor shall appoint one of the council members chair.
5. The council shall:
 - A. Review and comment to the governor, legislature, and regulatory agencies on building construction statutes, rules, regulations, standards, and licensing. The council may seek ways to:
 - (1) Eliminate inconsistencies and streamline construction regulations and licensing processes;
 - (2) Review and comment on current and proposed statutes, rules, and regulations;
 - (3) Advise agencies how to change rules and regulations to make them easier to understand and apply;
 - (4) Review existing and proposed legislation to assist in coordination of rules and regulations; and
 - (5) Consolidate within each authorized enforcement jurisdiction the administration and enforcement of construction codes.
 - B. Report its progress at the end of each calendar year to the department of administration and other affected regulatory agencies, and recommend changes in code or legislation, including the establishment of a permanent council.
6. The council may establish any subcommittees it deems necessary and shall operate in accordance with adopted rules of procedure and bylaws.
7. The department of administration shall provide staff and other administrative support to the council to carry out its duties. The council may request assistance from other agencies, organizations, and individuals in carrying out its duties.

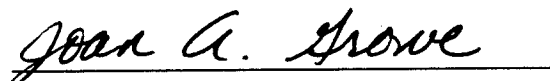
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 22nd day of May, 1996.



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:



JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

