

## NC Code Council Meeting

The hearing of the North Carolina Building Code Council with discussion of opening the windborne debris region beyond 1,500 feet took place September 10th in Raleigh, NC. A report from IHPA Member Bob Stott of All Shutters and Screens was received by IHPA President, Bill Feeley.

The report reads in part:

Everyone that spoke up at the public input part of the meeting today, insurance companies, FEMA, ASCE rep, the commissioner, except for one builder wanted the council to vote against the proposed increased area and go for the full ASCE-7 and the IBC standard instead.

Which is all 120mph areas plus 110mph one mile inland to be mediatory wind born debris protected and the chairman suggested lines might be better decided by each county? Some counties could opt to have there whole county effective?

The availability of Impact glass and shutters was well made by many local window and one awning/shutter company. The final vote of the council will be in December.

I think the original proposal has a good chance of making it and the full ASCE-7 a 50/50 chance because of the retrofitting of older homes in the area and a lot of the members became bored with he whole thing, not all though, there where some very attentive ones including the chairman. So they might vote for mandatory ASCE-7 for new homes and voluntary for older homes like we have in Florida? It was pointed out by many people the NC was the only coastal State not following the ASCE guide lines. So there is good pressure for the council to act responsibly on this matter.

Bob Stott

Our thanks to Bob for this update!

