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Dear Mr. Poulson:

**TRANSMITTAL OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF HEARING
AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW**

RULE NO.: Chapters Comm 14 and Comm 60 to 66

RELATING TO: Fire Prevention Code and the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code

AGENCY UNIT RESPONSIBLE: Safety and Buildings Division

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: YES NO

CONTACT PERSON: James Quast TITLE: Program Manager

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Pursuant to sections 227.14 (4m) and 227.17, Stats., agencies are required to transmit a written notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council and a written notice of hearing to the Revisor of Statutes, for publication in the Administrative Register.

On the date on this letter the department is submitting proposed rules to the Legislative Council and is submitting the following material to you:

1. Notice of Public Hearing or 30-Day Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
2. Fiscal Estimate.
3. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.
4. Draft of Proposed Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Burke
Secretary

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to chapter 101, Stats., the Department of Commerce will hold a public hearing on proposed rules under chapters Comm 14 and Comm 60 to 66 relating to the Fire Prevention Code and the Commercial Building Code.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

Date and Time:

Thursday, December 21, 2006
9:30 a.m.

Location:

First Floor Conference Room
Thompson Commerce Center
201 West Washington Avenue
Madison

Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and present comments on the proposed rules. Persons making oral presentations are requested to submit their comments in writing. Persons submitting comments will not receive individual responses. The hearing record on this proposed rulemaking will remain open until January 5, 2007, to permit submittal of written comments from persons who are unable to attend the hearing or who wish to supplement testimony offered at the hearing. Written comments should be submitted to James Quast, at the Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 2689, Madison, WI 53701-2689, or Email at jquast@commerce.state.wi.us.

This hearing is held in an accessible facility. If you have special needs or circumstances that may make communication or accessibility difficult at the hearing, please call (608) 266-8741 or (608) 264-8777 (TTY) at least 10 days prior to the hearing date. Accommodations such as interpreters, English translators, or materials in audio tape format will, to the fullest extent possible, be made available upon a request from a person with a disability.

The proposed rules and an analysis of the proposed rules are available on the Internet at the Safety and Buildings Division Web site at www.commerce.wi.gov/SB/. Paper copies may be obtained without cost from Roberta Ward, at the Department of Commerce, Program Development Bureau, P.O. Box 2689, Madison, WI 53701-2689, or Email at roberta.ward@wisconsin.gov, or at telephone (608) 266-8741 or (608) 264-8777 (TTY). Copies will also be available at the public hearing.

The small business regulatory coordinator for the Department of Commerce is Carol Dunn, who may be contacted at telephone (608) 267-0297, or Email at carol.dunn@wisconsin.gov.



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HEARING DRAFT of PROPOSED RULES

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Wisconsin Commercial Building Code

INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

Department of Commerce

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RELATING TO: Fire Prevention Code and the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code

1. Types of small businesses that will be affected by the rules.

The requirements of the Fire Prevention Code and the Commercial Building Code impact all businesses, regardless of size, utilizing public buildings and places of employment in Wisconsin. The codes impact a variety of businesses, including small businesses, particularly those businesses that design, build, or maintain commercial buildings; provide or produce building materials or components; own commercial buildings; or occupy commercial buildings. It is indeterminable how many small businesses may be impacted by the rules in some manner.

2. Reporting, bookkeeping and other procedures required for compliance with the rules.

The proposed rule revisions do not substantially modify the current administrative requirements of the Fire Prevention Code or the Commercial Building Code. Therefore, this type of impact on small businesses will not substantially change.

3. Types of professional skills necessary for compliance with the rules.

The codes establish numerous technical standards that are to be adhered to when designing, constructing, using, operating or maintaining a commercial building in order to protect public health, safety and welfare. The design, construction and maintenance of public buildings and places of employment typically necessitate building owners to acquire the services of architects, engineers, designers and various tradesmen, including plumbers, electricians, sheet metal workers, carpenters, sprinkler fitters and contractors.

4. Rules have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

No Rules not submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Yes Rules submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

NOTICE of ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Department of Commerce

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Notice is hereby given that the Department has prepared a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) on the proposed rules. The preliminary recommendation is a finding of no significant impact. Copies of the preliminary EA are available from the Department on request and will be available at the public hearings. Requests for the EA and comments on the EA should be directed to:

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Written comments will be accepted until January 5, 2007.