



Commission Adopts Amendments

The TRCC has adopted amendments relating to performance standards. A complete list of amendments can be found by clicking on the link below. Some of the amendments include: flaking of plaster adhesive on concrete slabs; nail pops in drywalls; gaps in siding and joints on exterior trim; carpet seams, the evenness of hard flooring; the delaminating of counter top materials; and yard grading and standing water after unusually heavy rainfalls.

TRCC Sunset Recap

The Sunset Advisory Commission met on September 23 to consider the Sunset staff report calling for the abolition of the Texas Residential Construction Commission (TRCC), as well as to receive public testimony on recommendations.

The testimony against the TRCC was primarily from individual aggrieved homeowners, homeowner/consumer activists and plaintiffs' attorneys. Rep. Allan Ritter, who authored the original and subsequent TRCC legislation, testified and vigorously defended the intent behind the agency and committed to working to make additional changes as necessary. He, along with Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, stressed the need to give time for the significant changes enacted by HB 1038 in the last session to work. The TRCC Commissioners pledged to work with the Sunset Commissioners and staff to develop meaningful solutions to the problems identified with the agency.

The result was direction from Sunset Commissioners to Sunset staff to develop alternatives for them to consider prior to the December 16 decision hearing on the final Sunset Commission recommendation. TAB will continue to work with the Sunset Commissioners, Sunset staff and TRCC staff as the process moves forward.

Sunbelt's Pay One Price

Sunbelt Builders Show™ registrations are picking up, so don't be left out. Register TODAY!

The new Pay One Price registration was designed specifically for TAB members and is proving quite popular. A \$575 value for only \$395, this registration includes admittance to the 3-Day Education Conference and exhibits from Thursday through Saturday, November 6 - 8, and one ticket to each of the following:

- Networking Party
- Sunbelt Luncheon
- Show House Dinner
- Star Awards Gala
- Texas Housing Hall of Honor Celebration and Excellence in Leadership Dinner.

The Pay One Price registration deadline has been extended until **October 28**. After that date, all tickets must be purchased separately at their regular prices. For complete Show information and to register, visit www.SunbeltBuildersShow.com.

TAB News Briefs

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Custom Builders Symposium

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