Wichita/Sedgwick County Code Department Consolidation Update

June 24, 2014

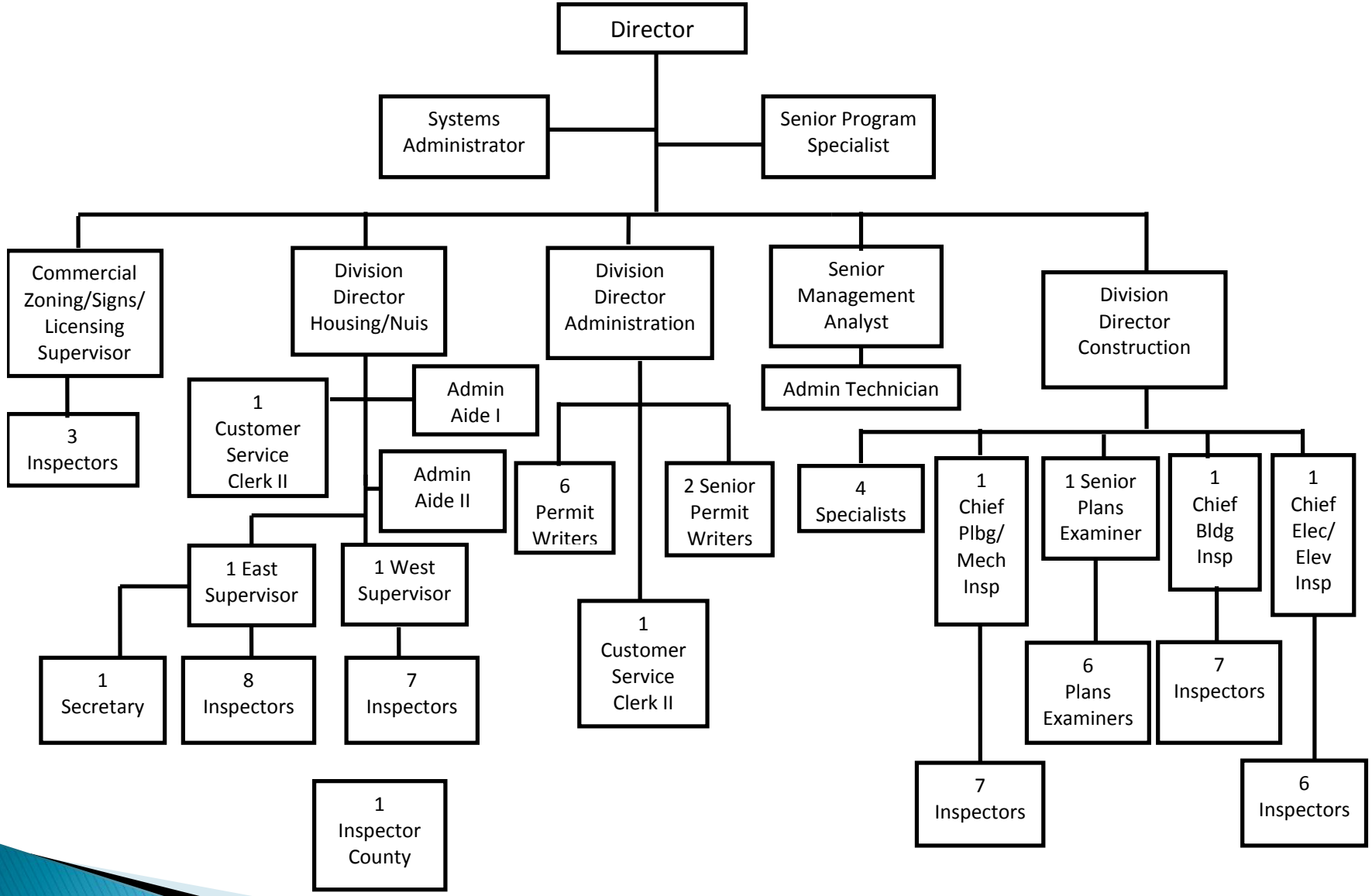
2013 Summary

- Consolidated code amendments between City of Wichita and Sedgwick County
  - IBC/IEBC/IRC/IFC
  - IMC/IEC/UPC
- Combined trade boards & initiated new policies
- Created new mission statement and organizational charts

Revised Mission & Value Statement

- Insuring that all residential and commercial structures are properly and **safely** planned, built and maintained within Sedgwick County using national best practices while providing **fair and equitable** rules for the local building industry in atmosphere of excellent **customer service.**

Metropolitan Building & Construction Department



2013 Summary

- Reclassification of Positions
- Completed unified trade licensing and certification procedures
- Revised all performance measures
- Procedural modifications
  - Consistent code interpretation and variance procedure
  - Reconciliation of permits

MABCD Goals for 14'

- Goal #1 – Reorganize building /inspectors and deploy combination inspectors regarding new residential building projects.
- Goal #2 – Finish Reclassification studies regarding department positions.
- Goal #3 – Consolidate permit fees.
- Goal #4 – Unify licensing/certificates for contractors.
- *Goal #5 – Revise Neighborhood Inspector processes and enhance cross training*
- Goal #6 – Complete CEU and license study for MABCD inspectors.
- Goal #7 – Identify consolidated site locations and initiate process to relocate.
- Goal #8 –Work toward new code adoption – building and all trades.
- Goal #9 – Comprehensive Fee Study completed.

Housing Code Violation Process

OLD POLICY

- Case Initiation
  - No triage system
  - No clear response policy
- Notice of Improvement
  - No limit of extension
  - 60 day guideline
- Notice of Violation
  - No limit of extensions
- Resolution Stage
  - UCC or abatement (nuisance)
  - UCC served by warrant section
  - Unclear closure protocol

NEW POLICY

- Case Initiation
  - 3 level triage system
  - Clear response policy
- Notice of Violation
  - Limit extensions
  - Guidelines to triage
- Resolution Stage
  - UCC or abatement
  - Serve most UCC's
- Clear case closure protocol

QUESTIONS?