

Florida Building Code Changes - What You Need to Know and More

Q&A Report

Time	Question Asked	Answer Given
12:56:32 PM EDT	Is there consideration for how FBC will further differ from FFBC?	If you are referring to the FFPC (Florida Fire Prevention Code) the statutes require that that the 2 be coordinated. However, there are instances where one is more stringent than the other.
12:57:44 PM EDT	Are there any changes coming to address future pandemics. Such as air flow changes, surfaces etc?	None that I know of but I'm confident there will be
12:54:56 PM EDT	what are the biggest main changes in the new code coming out in Jan 2021?	The following link was included on the last slide of the presentation - http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/Links_to_Code_Resources.html
01:06:42 PM EDT	If the ICC has a more stringent requirement, can an architect elect to choose that code as basis for approvals (over ride the florida building code)? can this be enforced upon a builder?	You can always exceed a code requirement. If the builder is under contract to comply with your construction documents the answer is yes.
01:00:02 PM EDT	The representation by various disciplines in the review committee seems minimal. Who decides the mix?	If You are referencing the TAC's, each one of the eleven categories listed is a TAC. If you wish to see what the membership of each TAC is here is a link - http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/committees/1_committees.htm
12:55:55 PM EDT	Do we know when the 7th edition will be issued?	The effective date is December 31, 2020
01:00:54 PM EDT	Do you think local jurisdictions will start making changes on their own before the State does back toward the regular code\way it was prior to 2017?	Local jurisdictions are required to adopt the Florida Building Code and can only propose amendments that are more restrictive.
12:58:00 PM EDT	When is the anticipated adoption date for the 7th edition version?	The effective date is December 31, 2020
12:57:44 PM EDT	Will the deletions of the amendments not adopted be noted in the Analysis of changes to the 7th Edition link?	No they will not.
01:02:04 PM EDT	We are members of the ICC for questions/clarifications we need from time to time. I guess this will no longer work for us? Who will be the go to for clarifications?	I can't confirm whether ICC will answer your questions or not on a Florida specific code amendment. You can request non-binding interpretations from the Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF) at this link https://interpretations.boaf.net/request .