

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE 2007 FLORIDA EXISTING BUILDING CODE WITH 2009 AMMENDMENTS

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The following list outlines the significant changes to the 2007 Florida Building Code with 2009 amendments, *Existing Building* as submitted by the membership of the Building Officials Association of Florida, Big Bend and Suwannee River Chapters. The narrative following each code section constitutes the combined interpretation for purposes of interpretation and enforcement of the various building inspection offices in Florida's Big Bend; specifically, Florida State University, City of Tallahassee, City of Quincy, Gadsden County, Hamilton County, Jefferson County, Lafayette County, Leon County, Madison County, Suwannee County and Wakulla County.

EXISTING BUILDING

- 1) **Section EB 606.2.1 – Design Criteria, Exception #3:** New language. Addition of a second layer of roof covering weighing 3 pounds per square foot or less over an existing, single layer of roof covering shall be permitted without requiring the vertical load path to comply with the Florida Building Code.
- 2) **Section EB 705.3.3 - Main Entrance, Group A:** Changed language. “All buildings of Group A with an occupant load of 300 or more shall be provided with a main entrance capable of serving as the main exit with an egress capacity of at least one half of the total occupant load. The remaining exits shall be capable of providing one half of the total required exit capacity.”
- 3) **Section EB 1004.1 – Smoke Alarms in Existing Portions of a Building:** When an addition is built onto an existing single family, duplex, townhouse or residential care assisted living building and the existing sleeping rooms do not have smoke alarms installed. The existing sleeping rooms shall be equipped with smoke alarms both in the existing sleeping rooms and in the immediate vicinity outside the sleeping rooms. If smoke alarms are currently installed in other portions of the existing building, they are not required to be interconnected with the new smoke alarms required for the sleeping rooms. For additional requirements for smoke alarms for alterations, repairs and additions see Section R313.2.1 of the Florida Building Code, Residential.
- 4) **FS 553.885 & 9B-3.0472 F.A.C. – Carbon Monoxide Detectors/Alarms:** This is a legislative change requiring that every building for which a building permit is issued for new construction on or after July 1, 2008 and having a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage shall have an approved operational carbon monoxide alarm installed within 10 feet of each room used for sleeping purposes. The carbon monoxide detectors installed as a result of this statute shall be listed or labeled as being in compliance with ANSI/UL 2034-96 or UL 2075-04 and shall receive their primary power from the building wiring when the building wiring is served from the local power utility. A battery back-up power supply is also required.