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Mo, as we discussed, please consider updating ICC 500 and ICC 600 to the 2020 editions in the 8th Edition (202) Florida Building Code.

The reason these standards didn’t get updated during the normal update is primarily due to a quirk in the way ICC updates ICC standards and how Florida updates referenced standards.  All referenced standards in all the codes are updated by a single Administrative code change which the Commission approved.  However, ICC standards are not included in the Administrative code change.  They are updated automatically by ICC any time there is an update to an ICC standard.  The fact that ICC 500 and 600 were not updated to the 2020 editions in the 8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code was technically an oversight.

Some of the important changes in ICC 500-20 include:

* Updated load combinations and the use of defined terms so the language and requirements are clearer.
* New siting requirements to address storm surge and riverine flooding.
* New criteria on emergency evacuation.
* Impact testing criteria has been clarified and added new impact criteria for rolling overhead doors.
* New appendix has been added addressing operational procedures.

Some the important changes in ICC 600-20 include:

* Updated to use the latest version of the AWC WFCM.
* Updates to the prescriptive methods for masonry and concrete buildings.
* Better alignment with the code regarding criteria for the building envelope (roofing, siding, soffits, windows, doors, etc.).

ICC 500-20 can be viewed at the following link:  <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ICC5002020P1>

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Thanks, and let me know if you have any questions.

Eric