

## 61G20-2.002 Statewide Amendments to the Florida Building Code.

(1) Definitions. As used in this rule, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated unless the context clearly requires a contrary definition:

(a) Amendment means an alteration to the adopted provisions of the Florida Building Code. Amendments shall include all alterations as referenced herein, whether adopted by the Commission for statewide or regional application; or the local authority having jurisdiction, referred to as local amendments. More specifically,

1. Technical amendment means an alteration to the prescriptive requirements or reference standards for construction adopted by the code.

2. Technical amendments ~~needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state~~ include but are not limited to amendments to the Florida Building Code that provide for the following:

(2) The Florida Building Commission may amend the Florida Building Code for the following purposes:

(a) To update the Florida Building Code every three years pursuant to subsection 553.73(7), F.S. When updating the code, the Commission shall review the most current updates to the model codes including but not limited to the International Building Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, the International Existing Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Residential Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, and the National Electrical Code (NEC) ~~for the purpose of determining whether the latest changes to the model codes are needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state.~~ and may approve updates to the Florida Building Code without a finding that the updates are needed in order to accommodate the specific needs of this state. The Commission shall also consider its own interpretations, declaratory statements, appellate decisions, and local technical amendments. For the purpose of conducting this review, the following steps will be undertaken:

1. The Commission shall select the model codes that will be used to conduct its review.

2. No sooner than ninety days after the latest updates of the model codes are published, a complete listing of the changes to the model codes will be posted and made available for public review on the Commission's website.

3. No sooner than one hundred fifty days after the listing of the changes to the model codes is posted, the Commission's Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) will meet to review the changes to the model codes and make recommendations to the Commission regarding

those changes ~~that are needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state~~. The TACs' recommendations will be posted on the Commission's website for further public review.

4. No sooner than ninety days after posting the TACs' recommendations, the Commission will meet to vote whether to approve the TACs' recommendations regarding the latest changes to the model codes ~~that are needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state~~. After Commission approval, the approved changes to the Florida Building Code ~~needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state~~ will be made available on the Commission's website. The public will then have the opportunity to submit amendments to the Florida Building Code and the approved changes to the Florida Building Code pursuant to subsection (3), of this rule.