

Florida Building Commission
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ORLANDO MARRIOTT LAKE MARY
1501 INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY
LAKE MARY, FLORIDA 32746

Legal Report

CODE ADMINISTRATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

DS 2018-012 by Robert Czyszczon of the Plaza Beach Motel, Inc.

Question1:

To be exempt under the Florida Building Code, a chickee must not “incorporate any...nonwood features.” Would merely placing non-wood items underneath a chickee – including aluminum or plastic chairs and tables, a tiled countertop-height bar, and food/ beverages – mean that Petitioner is incorporating nonwood features into its chickee so as to lose its exemption under Florida Statute 553.73(10)(i) and Florida Building Code 102.2(h)?

Answer:

For the level of work in question, the answer is “No.” Adding the items (aluminum or plastic chairs and tables, and a tiled, counter-top height bar) within the footprint of the “chickee” in question will not void its exemption status as per section 102.2(h) of the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Building .

Question 2:

Does the Florida Building Commission consider the use of a chickee for purposes of determining whether a chickee may be exempt under Florida Statute 553.73(10)(i) and Florida Building Code 102.2(h)?

Answer:

No; neither section 553.73(10)(i), F.S., nor section 102.2(h), Florida Building Code, Building (2017), condition the exemption of chickees from the Florida Building Code based upon their use. Note that this does not preclude the possibility that other legal authority may restrict the possible uses of chickees.

FIRE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

DS 2018-016 by Angela Petrakis of Diversified Window Solutions, [Staff Analysis](#)

Question 1: *Does this Hazardous location apply to Exterior Doors only adjacent to Exterior Windows? Or*

Answer:

No.

Question 2: *Does this Condition apply to Interior Doors as well adjacent to Exterior Windows?*

Answer:

Yes, as per Chapter 24 of the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Building.

ENERGY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

DS 2018-018 by Arthur Chartrand of National Home Service Contract Association

Question A:

Is it required that when part of an HVAC unit is replaced, that the part or resulting whole system must meet the current SEER rating?

Answer:

For the level of work in question, the answer is “**NO.**” As per R501.7, Exception 1 and R503.1 of the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation “the Code”, replacement of a part of an HVAC system is permitted without requiring the combined efficiency of the whole system to meet the minimum efficiency listed for that type of equipment in the current Code.

Question B:

In the event an outdoor condenser/compressor unit is replaced and upgraded to a higher, current SEER rating, must the fully functioning and by industry standards, compatible indoor evaporator coil be replaced to match the SEER rating of the outdoor unit (or vice-versa)?

Answer:

For the level of work in question, the answer is “**NO.**” As per R501.7, Exception 1 and R503.1 of the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation “the Code”, replacement of the outdoor condenser/compressor in question is permitted without requiring the combined efficiency of the whole system (outdoor unit plus indoor unit) to meet the minimum efficiency listed for that type of equipment in the current Code. However, the two units (outdoor unit plus indoor unit) must be matched as per R501.7, Exception 2, of the Code and the combined capacity and SEER rating must be no less than originally listed.