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Re: Code Comparisons for the 2007 Florida Codes

Please find attached drafts of the two parts of the Analysis of Changes project for the updates to the 2007 *Florida Codes*.

Part 1

Part 1 is tabular comparison of the changes in the *Florida Building Codes* that are a result of updating to the 2007 *Florida Building Codes*. The comparison would provide a comprehensive review of all changes between the 2004 *Florida Building Codes* and the 2007 *Florida Building Codes* including:

- 2007 Florida Building Code, Building
- 2007 Florida Building Code, Residential
- 2007 Florida Building Code, Existing Building
- 2007 Florida Building Code, Mechanical
- 2007 Florida Building Code, Fuel Gas
- 2007 Florida Building Code, Plumbing

The proposed format includes:

- Applicable Section numbers from 2004 and 2007 Codes
- General statement addressing the section requirements
- Analysis statement of primary change that occurred

For this submittal a draft of the Analysis of Changes for the 2007 Florida Building Code, Building and the 2007 Florida Building Code, Existing Building is provided for your review.

Part 2

Part 2 is referred to as a *Transition Guide* or "Overview", booklets that highlight the key changes from the 2004 FBC, Building to the 2007 FBC, Building (excluding electrical, plumbing, fuel-gas, accessibility, energy, and state agency regulations of Sections 419 through 436 of the FBC, Building) and the 2004 FBC, Residential to the 2007 FBC, Residential (excluding electrical, plumbing, fuel-gas, and energy). The scope of these documents will focus on key changes in accordance with pre-determined topics. These topics are listed below:

- Administrative
- General code issues
- Fire protection
- Means of egress
- Structural

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The intent of creating this document is to highlight significant changes and not a comprehensive analysis of all changes. This document will serve as a “primer” or overview of changes on issues that will be of particular interest related to construction in the State of Florida. It is anticipated that the FBC, Building and FBC, Residential “Overview” documents will not exceed 25 – 30 pages in length each. This short format will facilitate distribution at trade shows and other building code/construction related events and a means of marketing information about the changes to the codes.

The document will be shown in a tabular format but may also include figures to illustrate specific points as shown in the attached file.

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