

**CODE COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION WORKGROUP
 CONSENSUS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
 ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AUGUST 19, 2015**

TOPIC	I. Code Printing and Publication
Recommendation	Publish a fully integrated FBC for all code volumes (maintain the status quo).
TOPIC	II. Errata
Recommendation	Allow the Commission to issue errata only to correct scrivener’s errors or simple typographical errors without additional rulemaking to implement the adopted errata. The proposed errata will be reviewed by the TACs prior to Commission consideration. The Commission will require a 75% or greater voting threshold for approving errata.
TOPIC	III. Code Amendment Process
Recommendation(s)	
<i>Triennial Code Update</i>	Maintain the 3-year code update cycle (maintain status quo).
<i>Annual Amendments</i>	Maintain status quo for annual amendments.
<i>Glitch Amendments</i>	Expand the definition of Glitch cycle amendments to include healthy, safety, welfare specifically technically infeasible, adverse economic impact, products and services not readily available at the time, and/or sufficient time to provide needed training, make the process as expeditious as possible.
	Conduct the Glitch amendment process after the effective date of newly adopted Code Editions. This recommendation is consistent with the Commission’s decision regarding the 2017 Code Update process.
TOPIC	IV. Florida Specific Amendments
Recommendations	All Florida specific amendments are brought forward for evaluation and a recommendation by the relevant TAC(s).
	Provide statutory authority for the Commission to consider a cost/benefit analysis for ICC code amendments that are brought into the FBC by the adoption of the new base code through triennial updates for the Commission’s evaluation regarding whether to accept or reject the amendments.
	Provide additional scrutiny to proposed Florida Specific Amendments via the Commission adopting a “test” or “definition” as to what constitutes a Florida specific need.
TOPIC	V. Statutory Timelines
Recommendation	
<i>Code Adoption Requirements</i>	Require a minimum of 6 months between the effective date of a new Code and the starting date for submittal of proposed code changes for a new triennial Code update cycle.
<i>Florida Fire Prevention Code</i>	Provide for statutory authority that automatically incorporates subsequent amendments to the FFPC into the FBC without necessity for additional rulemaking.

<i>National Electrical Code</i>	Electrical Code adoption should be consistent with the Base Code document date (status quo).
TOPIC	VI. Adoption of Standards and Code by Reference
Recommendation	Adopt latest standards by reference in conjunction with the latest code update with review by technical committees (Status Quo).
TOPIC	VII. FBC Participation With ICC Code Development
Recommendation	Maintain the status quo. ICC develops the base code, and the Commission amends as needed through development of the FBC.
TOPIC	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTERAGENCY COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION
Recommendations	Work with the DSFM to sync an accelerated code adoption cycle.
	Closer coordination between FBC and Florida Fire Code development.
	Ensure the SFMO and Florida Building Commission <u>jointly</u> adopt and publish an agreed to schedule for the adoption process of future FBC and FFPC editions.
	Ensure the Florida Fire Code Advisory Council meets jointly with the Fire TAC at least once every six months to review DEC statements issued by the other agency and potential issues of improved coordination/cooperation between the FFPC/SFMO and FBC/Commission.
	To assist with cooperation and coordination, have the FFPC rule adoption hearings occur at the same locations and date as the Florida Building Commission meetings.
	Utilize the Florida Building Commission web based system to submit, track and publish proposed/adopted amendments to the FFPC. (SFMO would still administer the FFPC, but the system would be shared.)
	Ensure both the SFMO FFPC and DBPR FBC web pages that display the codes, have direct links to the partner codes, DEC statements and informal interpretations.
	Ensure the SFMO FFPC informal interpretations web page has the same quality as the BOAF Informal Interpretation page with a search friendly index.
	Ensure both the SFMO FFPC informal interpretation web page links to the SFMO informal interpretation web page and vice versa.