2018 I-Codes Changes Review and Consideration Process

Facilitator will serve as moderator and assist with the Commission’s adopted process and groundrules.

General Provisions

- One person speaks at a time.
- Limit your comment and be concise.
- Public comments will be limited to a maximum of three-minutes (3) per person. However, a TAC member may request clarification of public comments through the TAC chair.
- Do not read lengthy prepared statements. Summarize, and if you have a lengthy prepared statement submit the complete text of your comment in writing for the record.
- Offer new points and/or state agreement with previous speakers. Please do not repeat what has been stated.
- Facilitator in consultation with the TAC chair may terminate a comment if it is repeating previous comments, and not simply stating agreement or offering new points.
- The TAC wants to hear all viewpoints to ensure all perspectives are considered, and not repeats of the same views.

Public Comment Process

- Facilitator will introduce 2018 I-Code changes by matrix page in turn.
- The public will be invited to speak on any of the I-Code changes as introduced by the Facilitator page-by-page in sequence, with a 3-minute time limit. The commenter should address why they think the TAC should recommend including the change into the 7th Edition (2020) FBC.
- If there is public comment on an I-Code change: proponents in favor of including the I-Code change into the 7th Edition (2020) FBC will speak first.
- Opponents of including the I-Code change into the 7th Edition (2020) FBC will follow proponents.
- Proponents/opponents will be allowed one (1) collective brief counterpoint opportunity to address any new point(s) raised by previous speakers(s), but only if they address new points specific to the comment(s) raised by the speaker(s) and if they provide new points. No repeating of previous comments/points. It will be up the proponents and the opponents to select one individual to make the counterpoint for their respective perspectives.
TAC REVIEW PROCESS

Following the opportunity for public comment on the I-Code change the TAC will decide whether to recommend the Commission include the 2018 I-Code change into the 7th Edition (2020) FBC as follows:

- In order to consider the 2018 I-Code change a TAC member will be required to make a motion to recommend the Commission incorporate the 2018 I-Code change into the 7th Edition (2020) FBC, a second will be required, and then following TAC discussion a vote will be taken.

- If there is no motion to recommend approval, the Facilitator will proceed to the next 2018 I-Code change in order.

- Motions to deny are not allowed by Commission Rules.

- No additional public comment will be considered once a motion is on the floor.

- The TAC must decide on the 2018 I-Code change as drafted and no amendments will be considered.

- The TAC member making the motion to recommend inclusion of a specific 2018 I-Code change shall identify why the 2018 I-Code change is needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state (Florida) by identifying the relevant criteria used for the determination pursuant to Rule 61G20-2.002 including the following:

  a. Establish minimum life safety construction requirements to protect buildings and their occupants from fire, wind, flood, and storm surge using the latest technical research and engineering standards for buildings and materials products.

  b. Provide for flood protection provisions that are consistent with the latest flood protection requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.


  d. Provide for energy efficiency standards for buildings that meet or exceed the national energy standards as mandated by Title III of the Energy Conservation and Protection Act.

  e. Maintain coordination with the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

  f. Provide for the latest industry standards and design.

- Pursuant to Section 553.73 (7)(f), F.S., the TAC shall not recommend approval of any 2018 I-Code changes, including those contained in referenced standards and criteria, that would diminish the provisions of the Florida Building Code relating to wind resistance or the prevention of water intrusion.

- Pursuant to Section 553.73 (3)(b), F.S., in order for a Technical Advisory Committee to make a favorable recommendation to the Commission, the I-Code change must receive a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting, and at least half of the regular members must be present in order to conduct a meeting.

- The TAC’s recommendations will be forwarded to the Commission and considered pursuant to the procedures provided in Rule 61G20-2.002, and in conformance with the Commission’s adopted 7th Edition (2020) Code Update Development Workplan/Schedule.