

**MEETING REPORT**  
**JOINT FIRE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Florida Fire Code Advisory Council**  
**&**  
**Florida Building Commission**

**November 8, 2005**  
**1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**North Park Center**  
**6800 North Dale Mabry Highway**  
**Suite 220**  
**Tampa, FL 33614**

**The following is the meeting report of the Joint Fire TAC:**

1. Reviewed and approved the agenda  
Members present at meeting:  
Nick D’Andrea, Chairman  
Tony Apfelbeck, Jeff Gross, Dale Greiner, Brad Schiffer, James, Goodloe, Joe Belcher, James Schock, Hamid Bahadori, Marguerite Atkins, Michelle Humphries, Jeffrey Collins, Raymond Cicero, Richard Seidel, Jon Hamrick, and Andrew Valente
2. Discussed and reviewed the correlation study report for Chapters 3 & 10 of the Florida Building Code, Building presented by Medard Kopczynski and Sharon Mignardi of BCIC LLC, involving conflicts between the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Note: During the discussion, the Committee voted unanimously (17-0) to only address the areas of the codes where a “direct conflict” exists. The Committee defined a “conflict” to mean a case in which the requirements of both codes were unable to be met. The Committee also voted unanimously (17-0) for placing identical language in both codes pertaining to the changes where a “conflict” exists. The Committee also expressed the need to review the Florida Building Code and replace the references to NFPA 101 with references the FFPC. It was decided unanimously (17-0) that Brad Schiffer and Larry Schneider would be responsible for revising the accessibility requirements of the FFPC for compliance with the Florida Accessibility Code. The following specific changes were proposed by the Joint Fire TAC to the FBC, Building:

- Section 1006.3.4—refer only to Chapter 11 of the FBC and the remove the reference to ICC/ANSI A117.1
- Section 1006.3.8.2—Edit text to reflect an 18 inch instead of 8 inch above floor limit for exit signs

- Section 1010.6.5—strike “~~ICC A117.1~~” from text and add “Chapter 11” regarding doorways
- Section 1024.6.2—replace reference to “NFPA 101” with “the Florida Fire Prevention Code”. *Note: This change will occur throughout the FBC, Building.*

**The following are additional items discussed by the Fire Advisory Council:**

3. Discussed continuing education units for architects and engineers on the Florida Fire Prevention Code
4. Discussed the issuance of a state license for pyrotechnics operators.
5. Adjourn