

To All Interested Parties:

**RE: Proposed Code Modifications to the Update to the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code.
Consideration of the Code Change Proposals [1st 45 day review period]**

Code change proposals are now available for review and comment. Original petitioners of the mod can also comment to correct language. The proposed changes consist of changes to the 2015 I Codes as the foundation to the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code and the Florida specific requirements currently required by Law to be carried forward to the 6th Edition (2017) update to the FBC. The deadline for making comment on the code change proposals is February 25, 2016 (the end of the first 45 day comment period).

To review the proposed code changes or submit comment on a proposed code change, please visit the link below and then follow the following instructions:

http://www.floridabuilding.org/cm/cm_default.aspx

Submitting a comment on a Mod. One can submit either a general comment or an alternate language to the proposed code modification:

General comments are for any comment that doesn't include alternate language. This section is a Text box for users to either cut and paste into or type live.

Note: We recommend using a basic text editor i.e. WordPad instead of Microsoft Word. Microsoft Word tends to paste in unneeded information that causes the BCIS text box to become corrupted. Symptoms include lost text and garbled programming codes.

Note: We also recommend using Internet Explorer 10 or Internet Explorer 11 or higher in compatibility mode. Other browser like Chrome, Safari and Firefox are currently not supported. OSX and Mac computers are not supported also. To go to compatibility mode in Internet Explorer, try going to the gear icon in the upper right and select compatibility mode. Then add floridabuilding.org. Then go back to the text of mod page and it should work for you.

There is also a Needs Help file here with information in case you get stuck.

If you find a mod that you feel would be improved if it had different language you can submit an **alternate language comment**. Once you click on "submit a Comment on a Code Modification" select the Alternate language radio button. You will be taken to a search screen. Search for the Mod you wish to comment on and scroll to the bottom and click on "Submit Comment"

Here add the text of the Modification as the text of the Comment

Note: You may receive periodic emails to inform you of the status of your mods so it is a good practice to look for these emails from Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) staff and the automated website emails.

Searching for Mods: If you happen to not know the mod number you can search by other parameters.

You can select the criteria by which you wish to search for mods. You can start as low as the mod number or go broader to search by TAC or search the widest by the 2017 code. In most cases selection is done by a group i.e. by TAC, by section of the code, proponent etc. These can greatly narrow down your results to just a few mods. If your search returns no results, remove some of your selected variables until you get the desired results.

1. From the homepage **log in** and then go to **“Proposed Code Modifications”**
 - a. **If you do not know your login there is a forgot password feature or you can contact us at 850-487-1824**
2. Click on **“Find a Proposed Code Modification”**
3. Select the criteria by which you wish to select, in this case we will do by TAC, so select TAC > Code Administration from the dropdown.
4. **Then click search**
5. Once you have found the mod you want to comment on you can click on that mod and at the bottom of the mod page select **“Submit Comment”** make a note of the number and from the homepage select **Proposed Code Modifications > Submit Comment On Proposed Code Modification**
6. On the next screen should display a selection screen to whether you want an **alternate language** comment or just a **general** comment.

Keep in mind the more fields you fill in the less and less results you will get. This can be sometimes good, sometimes not.

VERY IMPORTANT

If you submitted a code change that referenced a standard, you need to send a copy of the proposed standard to staff and to each committee member that will be considering the proposed code modification. It is the responsibility of the proponent to make the reference standard available to the committee members. Not providing copies of the proposed reference standard to both staff and committee members could result in the proposal not being considered by the committee. Staff will not send copies of the proposed reference standards to the committee members. For sending a copy of the reference standard to staff, please mail or email the standard to Mo Madani at 1940 North Monroe, Suite 90A, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100 or at Mo.madani@myfloridalicense.com To send copies of the reference standards to committee members for the various committees please see their names, addresses, and email on the web site at the following link. http://www.floridabuilding.org/c/c_commission.aspx

If you have any questions regarding the code change process or making comments on the proposals, please contact us. We will be glad to provide assistance to you in the code development process.

Thanks

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4. Then click on "next" at the bottom of the page to save the change to your registration.