

CS/CS/HB 269 – 2013

Code related requirements

Section 553.71, Florida Statutes

553.71 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(6) "Local technical amendment" means an action by a local governing authority that results in a technical change to the Florida Building Code and its local enforcement.

Section 553.73(10), Florida Statutes

553.73 Florida Building codes—

(17) A provision ~~The provisions of section R313 of the most current version~~ of the International Residential Code relating to mandated fire sprinklers may not be incorporated into the Florida Building Code as adopted by the Florida Building Commission and may not be adopted as a local amendment to the Florida Building Code. This subsection does not prohibit the application of cost-saving incentives for residential fire sprinklers that are authorized in the International Residential Code upon a mutual agreement between the builder and the code official. This subsection does not apply to a local government that has a lawfully adopted ordinance relating to fire sprinklers which has been in effect since January 1, 2010.

Section 553.79(18), Florida Statutes

(18) For the purpose of inspection and record retention, site plans for a building may be maintained in the form of an electronic copy at the worksite. These plans must be open to inspection by the building official or a duly authorized representative, as required by the Florida Building Code.

Section 553.912, Florida Statutes

553.912 Air conditioners.— All air conditioners that are sold or installed in the state ~~must shall~~ meet the minimum efficiency ratings of the Florida Building Code-Energy Conservation ~~Energy Efficiency Code for Building Construction~~. These efficiency ratings ~~must shall~~ be minimums and may be updated in the Florida Building Code-Energy Conservation ~~Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building Construction~~ by the department in accordance with s. 553.901, following its determination that more cost-effective energy-saving equipment and techniques are available. It is the intent of the Legislature that all replacement air-conditioning systems in residential applications be installed using energy-saving, quality installation procedures, including, but not limited to, equipment sizing analysis and duct inspection. Notwithstanding this section, existing heating and cooling equipment in residential applications need not meet the minimum equipment efficiencies, including system sizing and duct sealing.

CS/CS/CS/HB 973 – 2013

Section 553.793, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

553.793 Streamlined low-voltage alarm system installation permitting.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Contractor" means a person who is qualified to engage in the business of electrical or alarm system contracting pursuant to a certificate or registration issued by the department under part II of chapter 489.

(b) "Low-voltage alarm system project" means a project related to the installation, maintenance, inspection, replacement, or service of a new or existing alarm system, as defined in s. 489.505, operating at low voltage, as defined in the National Electrical Code Standard 70, Current Edition, and ancillary components or equipment attached to such a system, including, but not limited to, home-automation equipment, thermostats, and video cameras.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law, this section applies to low-voltage alarm system projects for which a permit is required by a local enforcement agency.

(3) This section does not apply to the installation or replacement of a fire alarm if a plan review is required.

(4) A local enforcement agency shall make uniform basic permit labels available for purchase by a contractor to be used for the installation or replacement of a new or existing alarm system at a cost of not more than \$55 per label per project per unit. However, a local enforcement agency charging more than \$55, but less than \$175, for such a permit as of January 1, 2013, may continue to charge the same amount for a uniform basic permit label until January 1, 2015. A local enforcement agency charging more than \$175 for such a permit as of January 1, 2013, may charge a maximum of \$175 for a uniform basic permit label until January 1, 2015.

(a) A local enforcement agency may not require a contractor, as a condition of purchasing a label, to submit information other than identification information of the licensee and proof of registration or certification as a contractor.

(b) A label is valid for 1 year after the date of purchase and may only be used within the jurisdiction of the local enforcement agency that issued the label. A contractor may purchase labels in bulk for one or more unspecified current or future projects.

(5) A contractor shall post an unused uniform basic label in a conspicuous place on the premises of the low-voltage alarm system project site before commencing work on the project.

(6) A contractor is not required to notify the local enforcement agency before commencing work on a low-voltage alarm system project. However, a contractor must submit a Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project as provided under subsection (7) to the local enforcement agency within 14 days after completing the project. A local enforcement agency may take disciplinary action against a contractor who fails to timely submit a Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project.

(7) The Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project may be submitted electronically or by facsimile if all submissions are signed by the owner, tenant, contractor, or authorized representative of such persons. The Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project must contain the following information:

UNIFORM NOTICE OF A LOW-VOLTAGE ALARM SYSTEM PROJECT

Owner's or Customer's Name.....

Owner's or Customer's Address.....

City.....

State..... Zip.....

Phone Number.....

E-mail Address.....

Contractor's Name.....

Contractor's Address.....

City.....

State..... Zip.....

Phone Number.....

Contractor's License Number.....

Date Project Completed.....

Scope of Work.....

Notice is hereby given that a low-voltage alarm system project has been completed at the address specified above. I certify that all of the foregoing information is true and accurate.

...(Signature of Owner, Tenant, Contractor, or Authorized Representative)...

(8) A low-voltage alarm system project may be inspected by the local enforcement agency to ensure compliance with applicable codes and standards. If a low-voltage alarm system project fails an inspection, the contractor must take corrective action as necessary to pass inspection.

(9) A municipality, county, district, or other entity of local government may not adopt or maintain in effect an ordinance or rule regarding a low-voltage alarm system project that is inconsistent with this section.

(10) A uniform basic permit label shall not be required for the subsequent maintenance, inspection, or service of an alarm system that was permitted in accordance with this section.

The provisions of this act are not intended to impose new or additional licensure requirements on persons licensed in accordance with the applicable provisions of chapter 489, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.