**7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code – Building**

**CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**SECTION 105 PERMITS**

**Revise section 105.3.1.2 (Item 4) to read as follows:**

4. Any specialized mechanical, electrical, or plumbing document for any new building or addition

which includes a medical gas, oxygen, steam, vacuum, toxic air filtration, halon, or fire detection

and alarm system which costs more than $5,000.

Exception:

Simplified permitting process for fire alarm system projects.—

(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, Florida Statutes.

(b) “Fire alarm system project” means a fire alarm system alteration of a total of 20 or fewer initiating devices and notification devices, or the installation or replacement of a fire communicator connected to an existing fire alarm control panel in an existing commercial, residential, apartment, cooperative, or condominium building.

(2)(a) A local enforcement agency may require a contractor, as a condition of obtaining a permit for a fire alarm system project, to submit a completed application and payment.

(b) A local enforcement agency may not require a contractor to submit plans or specifications as a condition of obtaining a permit for a fire alarm system project.

(3) A local enforcement agency must issue a permit for a fire alarm system project in person or electronically.

(4) A local enforcement agency must require at least one inspection of a fire alarm system project to ensure compliance with applicable codes and standards. If a fire alarm system project fails an inspection, the contractor must take corrective action as necessary to pass inspection.

(5) A contractor must keep a copy of the plans and specifications at a fire alarm system project worksite and make such plans and specifications available to the inspector at each inspection.

**Revise section 105.17 (1)(b) to read as follows:**

(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, Florida Statutes, including video cameras and closed-circuit television systems used to signal or detect a burglary, fire, robbery, or medical emergency, that is hardwired and operating at low voltage, as defined in the National Electrical Code Standard 70, Current Edition, or a new or existing low voltage electric fence. The term also includes~~, and~~ ancillary components or equipment attached to ~~such~~ a low-voltage alarm system or low-voltage electric fence, including, but not limited to, home-automation equipment, thermostats, closed-circuit television systems, access controls, battery recharging devices, and video cameras.

**(Code language for consistency with HB 1140)**