

COMMISSION 2018 I-CODES CHANGES REVIEW PROCESS
2020 CODE UPDATE PROCESS—7TH EDITION FLORIDA BUILDING CODE
(Adopted August 15, 2018)

OVERVIEW. Ten of the Commission’s Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) met in June 2018 to review and make recommendations regarding whether the Commission should include specific 2018 I-Code amendments into the 7th Edition (2020) FBC. The TACs’ recommendations were posted to the BCIS in July 2018. In addition, the Residential Construction Cost Impact Workgroup (RCCIWG) met on July 30, 2018 to provide comments to the Commission regarding the costs/impacts of the I-Code amendments the TACs recommended for approval relevant to the Residential Building Code (amendments identified as impactful). These comments will be incorporated into the TACs’ matrices of recommendations for approval.

CONSENT AGENDAS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The TACs’ recommendations for approval of specific 2018 I-Code amendments are on “Consent Agendas Recommended for Approval” one per TAC consisting of multiple matrices containing amendments reflective of the topical Code areas within the TAC’s purview. These recommendations are posted to the BCIS and labeled: Chart #1: “Tracking Charts with TAC Actions—Accommodate Florida Specific Need.” The matrices of amendments recommended for approval relevant to each TAC will be considered by the Commission as a single consent agenda per TAC.

MATRICES OF I-CODE CHANGES WITH NO ACTION. In addition, there are matrices for each TAC representing the 2018 I-Code changes that the TAC took no affirmative action on (“Matrices of I-Code Changes With No Action”). These matrices are posted to the BCIS and labeled: Chart #2: “Tracking Charts with TAC Actions—“No Action.”

COMMISSION MEETING TO CONSIDER 2018 I-CODE AMENDMENTS. The Commission will consider the TACs recommendations and the RCCIWG’s comments during the October 8-9, 2018 Commission meeting.

REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO BE PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION. Commissioners or members of the public requesting for amendments to be pulled for individual consideration (“Consent Agenda Recommended for Approval”, or “Matrices of I-Code Changes With No Action”) should submit their request in writing by September 3, 2018. Requests should be sent to Mo Madani at DBPR. The Commission will decide which if any amendments to pull for individual consideration at their October 8-9, 2018 meeting.

Any Commissioner may pull any amendment off of a “Consent Agenda Recommended for Approval” or off of the “Matrices of I-Code Changes With No Action”, for individual consideration based on public comment (submitted in writing or verbally). If another Commissioner objects, the full Commission will vote on whether to pull the subject amendment for individual consideration after the public and Commissioners have had an opportunity to offer their comments.

COMMISSION’S 2018 I-CODE AMENDMENTS CONSIDERATION SEQUENCING. The TACs’ recommendations for approval regarding proposed 2018 I-Codes changes for inclusion in the 7th Edition (2020) FBC are arranged on a consent agenda by TAC. Each TAC Consent Agenda consists of multiple matrices by Code area. The Commission will consider TAC recommendations in the following sequence:

1. **“Consent Agenda Recommended for Approval”:** Approval of consent agenda of TAC’s recommendations regarding proposed amendments recommended for approval (Chart #1: “Tracking Charts with TAC Actions—Accommodate Florida Specific Need”). The Commission votes to approve

the TAC's recommendations on the amendments, as posted or as amended incorporating the TAC's findings pursuant to Rule 61G20-2.002 and the RCCIWG's comments. Commissioners should pull-off any amendment(s) that would prevent them from voting to approve the consent agenda of matrices recommended for approval by TAC and as posted to the BCIS.

2. **Matrices of I-Code Changes Not Recommended for Approval:** There is no action required regarding Chart #2: "Tracking Charts with TAC Actions—"No Action". If a Commissioner wishes to consider any of the 2018 I-Codes amendments on the "Matrices of I-Code Changes With No Action" they should pull these amendment(s) for individual consideration. There will be no action taken on these matrices with the exception of any amendments pulled for individual consideration.
3. **Amendments Pulled for Individual Consideration:** Amendments pulled for individual consideration for the purpose of approval require a motion to approve and a second. The Commissioner 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.
 - c. Maintain eligibility for federal funding and discounts from the National Flood Insurance Program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - 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.

Amendments pulled for individual consideration for the purpose of "no action" require no motion or affirmative action by the Commission unless the Commission decides to approve the amendment. Additionally, the comments provided by the Residential Construction Cost Impact Workgroup should be considered regarding amendments that are considered impactful by the Workgroup.

Pursuant to Section 553.73 (7)(f), F.S., the Commission 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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

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 Commissioner may request clarification of public comments through the 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 Chair may terminate a comment if it is repeating previous comments, and not simply stating agreement or offering new points.
- The Commission 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 “Consent Agendas Recommended for Approval” by TAC in turn (each consent agenda reflects multiple matrices with amendments within the TAC’s purview).
- The public will be invited to speak on any of the I-Code changes (“Consent Agenda Recommended for Approval” or “Matrices of I-Code Changes With No Action”) by TAC in turn as introduced by the Facilitator, with a 3-minute time limit. The commenter should address why they think the Commission should or should not recommend including the change into the 7th Edition (2020) FBC.
- A member of the public requesting individual consideration of an I-Codes change, either for or against, should address why the 2018 I-Code change is or is not 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 and provided in the previous section.
- If there is public comment requesting approval of an I-Code change not on a “Consent Agenda Recommended for Approval”: 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.
- If there is public comment requesting denial of an I-Code change on a “Consent Agenda Recommended for Approval”: opponents of including the I-Code change into the 7th Edition (2020) FBC will speak first.
- Proponents of including the I-Code change into the 7th Edition (2020) FBC will follow opponents.
- There will be no rebuttal opportunities for this Phase.

FBC 2018 I-CODE REVIEW PROCESS—PROCESS SUMMARY AND SEQUENCING

- Facilitator will serve as the moderator, and assist with adopted process and groundrules.
- One person speaks at a time.
- Limit your comment and be concise.
- Proponents should identify the specific amendment they want the Commission to consider removing from the “Consent Agenda Recommend for Approval” or the “Matrices of I-Code Changes With No Action” and address why they believe the amendment should be approved or denied based on the criteria in Rule 61G20.2002.
- Comments are limited to a maximum of three-minutes (3) per person.
- Do not read lengthy prepared statements; Summarize and submit complete text of the comment for the record.
- Offer new points and/or state agreement with previous speakers. Please do not repeat what has been stated.
- Chair/Facilitator may terminate a comment if it is repeating previous comments, and not simply stating agreement or offering new points.
- The FBC wants to hear all viewpoints to ensure all perspectives are considered, and not repeats of the same views.
- Facilitator will introduce each “Consent Agenda Recommends for Approval” consisting of matrices of 2018 I-Code changes recommended for approval by TAC.
- Public will speak to any amendments they wish the Commission to consider individually from the “Consent Agenda Recommended for Approval” or “Matrices of I-Code Changes With No Action” by TAC in turn.
- Commissioner(s) will decide which, if any, amendment to pull for individual consideration.
- Any Commissioner may pull an amendment for individual consideration, unless there is objection by another Commissioner. If there is objection then the full Commission will vote on whether to pull the subject amendment.
- Clarifying questions by FBC members only.
- FBC will vote in favor of each “Consent Agenda Recommended for Approval” in turn by TAC as posted or as amended by the removal of specific amendments recommended for approval.
- Once a motion is on the floor, discussion is limited to FBC members except as allowed by the Chair.
- A Commissioner must move approval of an amendment and receive a second prior to discussion.
- All amendments pulled for individual consideration must be voted on individually.
- Any amendment considered individually that does not receive a second is deemed denied due to failure to receive a second.
- Motions require a 75% favorable vote for approval; those with less than a 75% favorable vote are deemed denied.