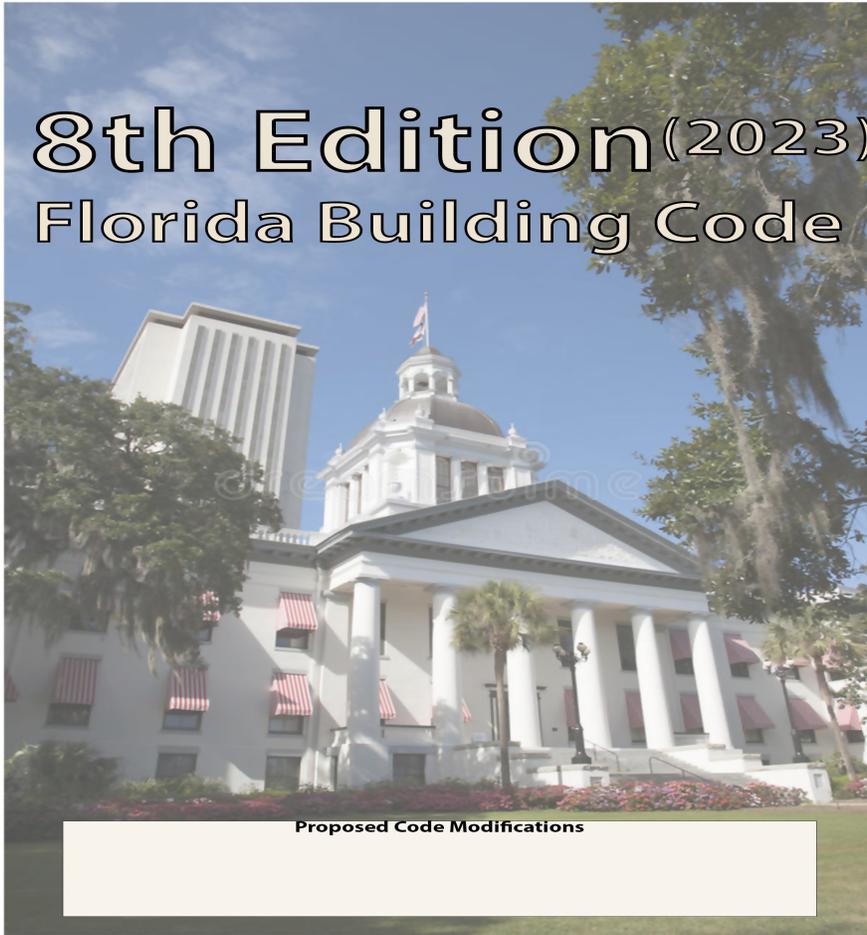


# 8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code



Proposed Code Modifications



## ICC 2021 Code Changes

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# TAC: Electrical

Total Mods for **Electrical** in **Denied – Consent**: 1

Total Mods for report: 3

## Sub Code: Existing Building

E9758/EB46-19

1

Date Submitted 3/15/2021  
Chapter 4

Section 406.1.4  
Affects HVHZ Yes

Proponent Mo Madani  
Attachments Yes

TAC Recommendation Denied – Consent  
Commission Action Pending Review

Staff Classification Overlap

### Comments

General Comments Yes

### Related Modifications

406.1.4 (New), 408.3

Original text of this code change is not consistent with that of the 2020 FBC-EB/407.1.4.

### Summary of Modification

NFPA 99 specifies broader requirements for existing buildings beyond just hospital grade receptacles. This change will align the electrical and medical gas systems installation requirements for Outpatient Clinics, Group B Ambulatory Care and Group I-2 facilities.

### Rationale

NFPA 99 specifies broader requirements for electrical systems in existing buildings beyond just hospital grade receptacles in bed locations. This includes requirements tamperproof receptacles in pediatrics, and additional requirements for surgery. NFPA 99 defines requirements for existing facilities. In order to meet federal conditions of participation health care facilities must comply with the electrical systems and equipment and medical gas systems must be installed according to the requirements listed in NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code (K912, and K917). This change will align the electrical and medical gas (K909 and K910) systems installation requirements for Outpatient Clinics, Group B Ambulatory Care and Group I-2 facilities. NFPA 99 defines when repairs are made to these systems requirement for component replacement, means and methods of repairs and safety requirements.

NFPA 99 uses a risk based approach to system design, installation and maintenance in healthcare facilities (Group I-2 facilities, ambulatory care facilities and outpatient clinics). Four levels of systems categories are defined in NFPA 99, based on the risks to patients and caregivers in the facilities. The categories are as follows:

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(Please see the uploaded mod EB46-19 for the complete text)

## Comment Period History

Proponent Bryan Holland Submitted 6/28/2021 Attachments No

### Comment:

NEMA fully supports replacing 407.1.4 of the 2020 FBC-EB with the new language in 406.1.4 of the 2021 IEBC as this will ensure that all electrical system repairs will comply with the NFPA 99 and NFPA 70 and not just Group I-2 receptacle replacement.

E9758-G1

Approved as Submitted

## 2018 International Existing Building Code

### Delete and substitute as follows:

~~406.1.4 Group I-2 receptacles. Receptacles in patient bed locations of Group I-2 that are not “hospital grade” shall be replaced with “hospital grade” receptacles, as required by NFPA 99 and Article 517 of NFPA 70.~~

~~406.1.4 Healthcare facilities. Portions of electrical systems being repaired in Group I-2, ambulatory care facilities and outpatient clinics shall comply with NFPA 99 requirements for repairs.~~

### Add new text as follows:

408.3 Healthcare facilities. Portions of Medical Gas systems being repaired in Group I-2, ambulatory care facilities and outpatient clinics shall comply with NFPA 99 requirements for repairs.

## Code Change No: **EB46-19**

### Original Proposal

**Section(s):** 406.1.4 (New), 408.3 (New)

**Proponents:** John Williams, representing Healthcare Committee (AHC@iccsafe.org)

**2018 International Existing Building Code**

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The category definitions apply to equipment and systems operations.

A risk assessment should be conducted to evaluate the risk to the patients, staff, and visitors in all healthcare facilities. These categories are not always aligned to occupancy classification. Potential examples of areas/systems and their categories of risk;

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- (9) Group I-2 Condition 2 facilities most systems would be Category 1

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**Cost Impact:** The code change proposal will not increase or decrease the cost of construction. This change aligns with existing federal requirements for the healthcare industry.

**Report of Committee Action Hearings**

**Committee Action:** **Approved as Submitted**

**Committee Reason:** This proposal is necessary to link with the required regulations for healthcare occupancies which requires compliance with NFPA 99 for repairs of electrical and medical gas systems. (Vote: 13-0)

**Assembly Action:** **None**

**Final Action**

**EB46-19** **AS**

# TAC: Electrical

Total Mods for **Electrical** in **Denied – W/ Individual Consideration**: 2

Total Mods for report: 3

## Sub Code: Building

E9274/CCC IBC6-20

2

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| <b>Date Submitted</b> 2/23/2021                                | <b>Section</b> 421.7                            | <b>Proponent</b> Mo Madani |
| <b>Chapter</b> 4   | <b>Affects HVHZ</b> Yes                         | <b>Attachments</b> Yes     |
| <b>TAC Recommendation</b> Denied – W/ Individual Consideration | <b>Staff Classification</b> Correlates Directly |                            |
| <b>Commission Action</b> Pending Review                        |   |                            |

### Comments

**General Comments** Yes

### Related Modifications

[F] 2702.2.11, [F] 2702.2.12, [F] 2702.2.13, 1203.2.12

### Summary of Modification

Adds section 2702.2.12 as a pointer to the IFC to be consistent with Chapter 12 of the IFC

### Rationale

: Staff recommends adding section 2702.2.12 as a pointer to the IFC to be consistent with Chapter 12 of the IFC, specifically IFC Section 1203.2.12. IBC Section 421.7 references Section 2702 for standby power but there is currently no section addressing Hydrogen fuel gas rooms in 2702. Language is proposed based upon IFC Section 1203.2.12 which should be found in IBC Section 2702 to be consistent with Chapter 12 of the IFC. Chapter 27 is maintained by the Fire Code Committee. The equivalent section of the 2021 IFC is shown below.

1203.2.12 Hydrogen fuel gas rooms. Standby power shall be provided for hydrogen fuel gas rooms as required by Section 5808.7

## Comment Period History

**Proponent** Bryan Holland **Submitted** 6/28/2021 **Attachments** No

### Comment:

NEMA supports adding this requirement to the FBC-B, however, we recommend the section point the Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC) in lieu of the IFC, which is not adopted by the Commission. We would recommend: "Hydrogen fuel gas rooms. Standby power shall be provided for hydrogen fuel gas rooms as required by the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

## Comment Period History

**Proponent** John Hall **Submitted** 6/29/2021 **Attachments** No

### Comment:

This modification would be good except that the IFC is not adopted by Florida. Further, there is no corresponding requirement in the adopted Florida Fire Prevention Code to reference. Therefore I disagree with this proposed modification at this time.

Please see attachment

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Correlation Requested by: ICC Staff

## CCC Action AS

### 2021 International Building Code

Revise as follows:

#### SECTION 421 HYDROGEN FUEL GAS ROOMS

[F] **421.7 Standby power.** Mechanical *ventilation* and gas detection systems shall be provided with a standby power system in accordance with Section 2702.

#### SECTION 2702 EMERGENCY AND STANDBY POWER SYSTEMS

[F] **2702.2.11 High-rise buildings.** Emergency and standby power shall be provided in high-rise buildings as required in Section 403.4.8.

[F] **2702.2.12 Hydrogen fuel gas rooms.** Standby power shall be provided for hydrogen fuel gas rooms as required by the International Fire Code.

[F] **2702.2.13-12 Laboratory suites.** Standby or emergency power shall be provided in accordance with Section 5004.7 where *laboratory suites* are located above the sixth story above grade plane or located in a story below grand plant.

**Reason:** Staff recommends adding section 2702.2.12 as a pointer to the IFC to be consistent with Chapter 12 of the IFC, specifically IFC Section 1203.2.12. IBC Section 421.7 references Section 2702 for standby power but there is currently no section addressing Hydrogen fuel gas rooms in 2702. Language is proposed based upon IFC Section 1203.2.12 which should be found in IBC Section 2702 to be consistent with Chapter 12 of the IFC. Chapter 27 is maintained by the Fire Code Committee. The equivalent section of the 2021 IFC is shown below.

**1203.2.12 Hydrogen fuel gas rooms.** Standby power shall be provided for hydrogen fuel gas rooms as required by Section 5808.7

# Sub Code: Existing Building

E9693/EB99-19

3

Date Submitted 3/12/2021  
Chapter 10

Section 1007.1  
Affects HVHZ Yes

Proponent Mo Madani  
Attachments Yes

TAC Recommendation Denied – W/ Individual Consideration  
Commission Action Pending Review

Staff Classification Correlates Directly

## Comments

General Comments Yes

## Related Modifications

1007.1

FBC-EB/ Section 1008

## Summary of Modification

This change will align the electrical systems installation requirements for Outpatient Clinics, Group B Ambulatory Care and Group I-2 facilities. NFPA 99

## Rationale

NFPA 99 specifies additional requirements for electrical systems in health care facilities than just NFPA 70. In order to meet federal conditions of participation health care facilities must comply with the electrical systems and equipment must be installed according to the requirements listed in NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code (K901, K911, and K916). This change will align the electrical systems installation requirements for Outpatient Clinics, Group B Ambulatory Care and Group I-2 facilities.

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(Please see the uploaded mod EB99-19 for the complete text)

## Comment Period History

Proponent Bryan Holland Submitted 6/28/2021 Attachments No

### Comment:

NEMA fully supports adding this new language related to health care facilities and the pointer to the NFPA 99 to the FBC-EB.

E9693-G1

## Comment Period History

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| <b>Proponent</b> | John Hall | <b>Submitted</b> | 6/29/2021 | <b>Attachments</b> | No |
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**Comment:**

I support adding this new language related to health care facilities and the reference to NFPA 99 as it would apply to the Florida Building Code, Existing Building.

E9693-G2

Approved as Submitted

## 2018 International Existing Building Code

### Revise as follows:

**1007.1 Special occupancies.** Where the occupancy of an *existing building* or part of an *existing building* is changed to one of the following special occupancies as described in NFPA 70, the electrical wiring and equipment of the building or portion thereof that contains the proposed occupancy shall comply with the applicable requirements of NFPA 70 ~~whether or not a *change of occupancy* group is involved.~~ Health care facilities, including Group I-2, ambulatory healthcare facilities and outpatient clinics, shall also comply with the applicable requirements of NFPA 99:

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5. Bulk storage plants.
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8. Places of assembly.
9. Theaters, audience areas of motion picture and television studios, and similar locations.
10. Motion picture and television studios and similar locations.
11. Motion picture projectors.
12. Agricultural buildings.

## Code Change No: **EB99-19**

### Original Proposal

#### Section(s): 1007.1

**Proponents:** John Williams, representing Healthcare Committee (AHC@iccsafe.org)

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**Report of Committee Action Hearings**

**Committee Action:**

**Approved as Submitted**

**Committee Reason:** This proposal was approved to further correlate the IEBC with the federal healthcare requirements. (Vote: 13-0)

**Assembly Action:**

**None**

**Final Action**

**EB99-19**

**AS**