

8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code

Proposed Code Modifications



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TAC: Mechanical

Total Mods for **Mechanical** in **Approved as Submitted** : 1

Total Mods for report: 1

Sub Code: Residential

M10069						1
Date Submitted	02/09/2022	Section	19	Proponent	Timothy de Carion	
Chapter	19	Affects HVHZ	Yes	Attachments	Yes	
TAC Recommendation	Approved as Submitted					
Commission Action	Pending Review					

Comments

General Comments Yes

Alternate Language Yes

Related Modifications

Summary of Modification

This modification will provide new code requirements for the installation of residential stand-by generators. Current code does not have requirements.

Rationale

The current code does not address installation standards for standby residential generators. This section will provide uniform standards for installation. These new sections will provide additional safety requirements to protect homeowners from carbon monoxide sickness and even death.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Impact to local entity relative to enforcement of code

Residential generators are already permitted and inspected. No additional inspections will be required.

Impact to building and property owners relative to cost of compliance with code

An additional carbon monoxide detector would be required.

Impact to industry relative to the cost of compliance with code

An additional carbon monoxide detector would be required.

Impact to small business relative to the cost of compliance with code

Requirements

Has a reasonable and substantial connection with the health, safety, and welfare of the general public

These new sections will provide additional safety requirements to protect homeowners from carbon monoxide sickness and even death.

Strengthens or improves the code, and provides equivalent or better products, methods, or systems of construction

Yes, these new sections will provide additional safety requirements to protect homeowners from carbon monoxide sickness and even death.

Does not discriminate against materials, products, methods, or systems of construction of demonstrated capabilities

No, many products available.

Does not degrade the effectiveness of the code

No, improves uniformity.

Alternate Language

2nd Comment Period

M10069-A1 Proponent Joseph Belcher Submitted 8/25/2022 3:23:00 PM Attachments Yes

Rationale:

The change to add the phrase "permanently installed" is intended to prevent misapplication to portable generators.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Impact to local entity relative to enforcement of code

No impact.

Impact to building and property owners relative to cost of compliance with code

No impact.

Impact to industry relative to the cost of compliance with code

No impact.

Impact to small business relative to the cost of compliance with code

Requirements

Has a reasonable and substantial connection with the health, safety, and welfare of the general public

The change has a reasonable connection with the welfare of the general public by clarifying the application of the new section and forestalling misapplication.

Strengthens or improves the code, and provides equivalent or better products, methods, or systems of construction

The change strengthens the code by clarifying the application of the new section and forestalling misapplication.

Does not discriminate against materials, products, methods, or systems of construction of demonstrated capabilities

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Does not degrade the effectiveness of the code

The change improves the effectiveness of the code.

2nd Comment Period

M10069-G3 Proponent Alan Gremillion Submitted 8/8/2022 3:00:44 PM Attachments No

Comment:

\$150 = Cost to add (1) carbon monoxide detector

2nd Comment Period

M10069-G4 Proponent Alan Gremillion - RCCIW Submitted 8/10/2022 10:43:38 AM Attachments No

Comment:

\$150 = Cost (1) additional carbon monoxide detector (applies to exception)

1st Comment Period History

M10069-G1	Proponent	Bryan Holland	Submitted	3/28/2022 9:28:14 AM	Attachments	Yes
	Comment:	NEMA strongly supports this proposed modification and urges the TAC(s) and Commission to approve this modification that will improve the safe installation and operation of standby generators.				

1st Comment Period History

M10069-G2	Proponent	Rebecca Quinn obo FL Div Emerg Mgnt	Submitted	4/14/2022 1:44:07 PM	Attachments	No
	Comment:	On behalf of Conn Cole, State Floodplain Manage with FDEM Office of Floodplain Management, FDEM supports this proposal. When stand-by generators are elevated and flooding occurs up to the elevation required by R322.1.6, the generators will not need to be replaced or have major repairs performed before they're ready to provide power until service is restored.				

CHAPTER 19

SPECIAL APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

SECTION M1905 RESIDENTIAL PERMANENTLY INSTALLED STAND-BY GENERATORS.

M1905.1 Listed and labeled.

Permanently installed stand-by generators regulated by this code shall be listed and labeled for the application in which they are installed and used.

M1905.2 Installation.

Installation of permanently installed stand-by generators shall comply with manufacturer's installation instructions and listing conditions.

M1905.2.1 Electrical installation.

Electrical installation of permanently installed stand-by generators shall comply with the applicable provisions of NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, manufacturer's installation instructions, and conditions of the listing.

M1905.2.2 Flood hazard.

In flood hazard areas as established by Table R301.2(1), Permanently installed stand-by generators shall be located or installed in accordance with Section R322.1.6.

M1905.2.3 Fuel installation.

M1905.2.3.1 Fuel gas.

Fuel gas installation for permanently installed stand-by generators shall comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 24 of this code.

M1905.2.3.2 Liquid fuel.

Liquid fuel installation for permanently installed stand-by generators shall comply with the applicable provisions of NFPA-30.

M1905.2.4 (301.10) Wind resistance.

Permanently installed stand-by generators that are exposed to wind shall be designed and installed to resist the wind pressures determined in accordance with this code.

M1905.2.5 Exhaust Location.

Permanently installed residential standby generator's exhaust shall be located to not create a nuisance. Exhaust termination shall be a minimum of 10 feet from any openings that could allow fumes into the building (doors, operable windows, eave vents, etc.) or air intakes.

Exception: The generator exhaust can be located a minimum of 5 feet from any such openings (doors, operable windows, eave vents, etc.) or in compliance with generator manufacturer installation requirements and listing, whichever is more restrictive, if all of the following is complied with:

1. A carbon monoxide (CO) alarm(s) is installed in the residency within 10 feet of each room used for sleeping purposes, or per the alarm's manufacturer installation requirements and listing, whichever is more restrictive.
2. An additional carbon monoxide (CO) alarm is installed in the residency as close as possible to the building's exterior opening nearest to the generator exhaust.
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GENERATOR SAFETY

USE BACKUP POWER SAFELY

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GENERATORS

Location



Always keep generators at least **20 feet away** from your home



Never operate a generator in an **enclosed space**



Make sure the generator has **3-4 feet** of clear space above and on all sides for proper ventilation



Keep generators **away** from doors, windows, and vents



Always **direct exhaust away** from your home

Use



Always use **grounded cords** and inspect cords for damage prior to use



Use the **proper cord** for the wattage being used



Always use **GFCI protection**



Make sure to start / stop generators when **no electrical loads** are connected



Keep generators **dry, do not operate when wet**, and refuel when cool

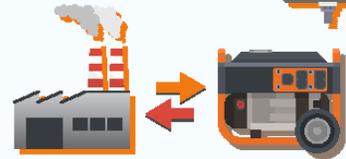


Do not overload generators



Do not plug a generator directly into your home, connect items being powered **directly to the generator**

TRANSFER SWITCHES



Transfer switches, whether manual or automatic, allow you to choose between **utility power** or **backup generator power**



Transfer switches are the only way to **safely power** your home's electrical system



Using a transfer switch **prevents backfeeding**. This occurs when your generator becomes a power source for the **surrounding area** and can damage your home, your neighbor's homes, and injure workers trying to restore power

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING PREVENTION



Improper use and installation of generators could **cause CO poisoning**



Make sure your home has **carbon monoxide alarms** outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home



CO can kill in as little as **5 minutes**

Symptoms of CO poisoning



If you experience CO poisoning symptoms, **get fresh air, do not reenter areas, and call 911.**

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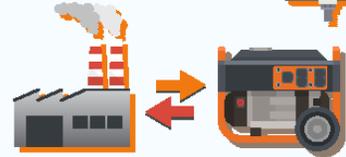


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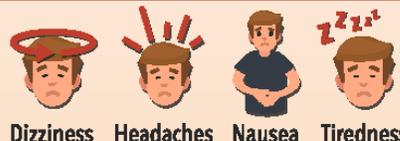


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