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Hi Mo,

Attached is a list of modifications that I would like to request to be pulled from the consent agenda for the December Building Code meeting. Please let me know if you see any questions or errors. This is my 1st go at this so hopefully I got it right.

Thank you and have a great Thanksgiving,

Drew

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Current Language

C104.4 Approved inspection agencies.

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Suggested Language

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Current Language

C104.4.1 Requirement. Approved Commissioning Agencies. Buildings/systems requiring commissioning must be performed by a certified Design Professional, Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer or a certified and approved independent, third-party agency. Firms and individuals providing commissioning services, inspections and/or functional tests, shall be independent from all aspects of the project, in so far as, the firm the individual works for/represents, cannot have a contract, or be in the employment of someone that does, to provide another service for that same project/building. The individual conducting the commissioning, and the firm they work for, must be certified for commissioning by one of the following organizations: AABC Commissioning Group (ACG), National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB), Building Commissioning Association (BCA), American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), University of Wisconsin or the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE).

Suggested Language

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Current Language

C408.2.1Commissioning plan.

A commissioning plan shall be developed by a licensed design professional, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer or approved agency and shall include the following items:

- 1. A narrative description of the activities that will be accomplished during each phase of *commissioning*, including the personnel intended to accomplish each of the activities.
- 2. A listing of the specific equipment, appliances or systems to be tested and a description of the tests to be performed.
- 3. Functions to be tested including, but not limited to, calibrations and economizer controls.
- 4. Conditions under which the test will be performed. Testing shall affirm winter and summer design conditions and full outside air conditions.
- 5. Measurable criteria for performance.

Suggested Language

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Current Language

C408.2 Mechanical systems and service water-heating systems commissioning and completion requirements.

Prior to the final mechanical and plumbing inspections, the licensed design professional, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer or *approved agency* shall provide evidence of mechanical systems *commissioning* and completion in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Suggested Language

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Current Language

C408.2 Mechanical systems and service water-heating systems commissioning and completion requirements. Prior to the final mechanical and plumbing inspections, the licensed design professional, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer or approved agency certified third-party commissioning agent shall provide evidence in the form of completed construction documents, commissioning plan, completed functional performance tests and a Final Commissioning Report of mechanical systems commissioning and completion in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Construction document notes shall clearly indicate provisions for commissioning and completion requirements in accordance with this section and are permitted to refer to specifications for further requirements. Copies of all documentation shall be given to the owner or owner's authorized agent and made available to the code official upon request in accordance with Sections C408.2.4 and C408.2.5.

Exceptions: The following systems are exempt:

- 1. Mechanical systems and service water heater systems in buildings where the total mechanical equipment capacity is less than 480,000 Btu/h (140.7 kW) cooling capacity and 600,000 Btu/h (175.8 kW) combined service water-heating and space-heating capacity. Capacities of individual systems serving dwelling or sleeping units shall not be counted in determining the total mechanical and/or water heating systems' capacity for the whole building.
- 2. Systems included in Section C403.3 that serve individual *dwelling* units and sleeping units.

Suggested Language

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- 2. Systems included in Section C403.3 that serve individual *dwelling* units and sleeping units.

Current Language

C408.2.4Preliminary commissioning report.

A preliminary report of *commissioning* test procedures and results shall be completed and certified by the certified third-party commissioning agent licensed design professional, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer or approved agency and provided to the building owner or owner's authorized agent. The report shall be organized with mechanical and service hot water findings in separate sections to allow independent review. The report shall be identified as "Preliminary Commissioning Report" and shall identify:

- 1.1.Itemization of deficiencies found during testing required by this section that have not been corrected at the time of report preparation.
- 2.2.Deferred tests that cannot be performed at the time of report preparation because of climatic conditions.
- 3.3.Climatic conditions required for performance of the deferred tests.

Suggested Language

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- 4. 1.Itemization of deficiencies found during testing required by this section that have not been corrected at the time of report preparation.
 - 5.2.Deferred tests that cannot be performed at the time of report preparation because of climatic conditions.
 - 6.3.Climatic conditions required for performance of the deferred tests.

Current Language

C408.3.1 Functional testing. Prior to passing final inspection, the *registered design professional* shall provide evidence that the lighting control systems have been tested to ensure that control hardware and software are calibrated, adjusted, programmed and in proper working condition in accordance with the *construction documents* and manufacturer's instructions. Functional testing shall be in accordance with Sections C408.3.1.1 through C408.3.1.3 for the applicable control type.

Suggested Language

C408.3.1 Functional testing. Prior to passing final inspection, the *registered design professional* either individuals as defined in Section 553.993(5) or (7), *Florida Statutes* or third-party inspection agencies shall provide evidence that the lighting control systems have been tested to ensure that control hardware and software are calibrated, adjusted, programmed and in proper working condition in accordance with the *construction documents* and manufacturer's instructions. Functional testing shall be in accordance with Sections C408.3.1.1 through C408.3.1.3 for the applicable control type. The individuals, their organizations or third-party agencies shall be independent of the building design or construction and they shall be approved as to the qualifications and reliability relevant to the building components and systems.

Current Language

C502.1 General. Additions to an existing building, building system or portion thereof shall conform to the provisions of this code as those provisions relate to new construction without requiring the unaltered portion of the existing building or building system to comply with this code. Additions shall not create an unsafe or hazardous condition or overload existing building systems. An addition shall be deemed to comply with this code if the addition alone complies or if the existing building and addition comply with this code as a single building. Additions shall comply with Section C502.2. Additions requiring new mechanical equipment shall comply with sections 408.2, 408.2.1, and 408.2.3 (proposed modifications for those sections).

Additions complying with ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1. need not comply with Sections C402, C403, C404 and C405.

Suggested Language

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