

AVAILABLE COMMENTARIES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE

The Florida Building Code (FBC) is based on national code models amended for Florida needs. The FBC integrates as base codes the 1997 Standard Building Code (SBC) with the 1999 amendments, the 1997 International Plumbing Code (IPC), the 1998 International Mechanical Code (IMC), the 1998 International Fuel Gas Code (IFC), the 1997 Florida Accessibility Code, and the 1997 Florida Energy Code. In addition, the FBC adopts by reference the 2001 Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC) and the 1999 National Electrical Code (NEC). As a source of information and tool for guidance regarding the provisions of the FBC, the following resources are currently available:

(1) Commentaries on the base codes (1999 SBC, 1998 SMC, 1997 IPC).

(2) Commentaries on the FFPC.

(3) Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF) Non-binding Interpretations of the FBC.

The Florida Building Commission has contracted with BOAF to provide a system to issue non-binding interpretations of the Florida Building Code. The interpretations are based on comments from building code enforcement officials and industry experts. All interpretations are posted on the online database maintained by BOAF and accessible from www.floridabuilding.org

(4) Declaratory Statements on the FBC.

A Declaratory Statement is an administrative process by which the Florida Building Commission can answer questions regarding the applicability of a Statute, Rule, or order to a particular factual situation. All Declaratory Statements which have been issued so far are available from our web site, www.floridabuilding.org

The Base Code	Available Commentary (see * below for sources and addresses of the Commentaries)	Other Sources of Commentary
Standard Building Code, 1997 edition, with the 1999 amendments	1999 Standard Building Code Commentary	**BOAF non-binding interpretations; Florida Building Commission Declaratory Statements
1997 International Plumbing Code Commentary	1997 International Plumbing Code Commentary	BOAF non-binding interpretations; Florida Building Commission Declaratory Statements
International Mechanical Code 1998 edition	1998 International Mechanical Code Commentary	BOAF non-binding interpretations; Florida Building Commission Declaratory Statements
International Fuel Gas Code 1997 edition		BOAF non-binding interpretations; Florida Building Commission Declaratory Statements
Florida Accessibility Code (FBC Chapter 11), October 1997 edition	ADAAG Manual (a guide to the Americans with Disabilities Act Access), 1998 edition	
Florida Fire Prevention Code, 2001	Life Safety Code Handbook (NFPA 101), 2000 edition (617-770-3000)	
National Electric Code (NFPA 70), 1999 edition	NEC Handbook (NFPA 70), 1999 edition	BOAF non-binding interpretations; Florida Building Commission Declaratory Statements

* **The Code Commentaries can be purchased as follows:**

Standard and International Codes:

ICC
900 Montclair Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213
205-591-1853 (v); 205-599-9742 (TDY);
<http://www.sbcci.org/>

NFPA Materials:

National Fire Protection Association
One Batterymarch Park
Quincy, Massachusetts 02269
617-984-7249; 800-344-3555;
<http://www.nfpa.org/>

ADAAG Manual:

The Access Board
1331 F St., NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20004
202-272-0080 (v); 202-272-0082 (TTY);
800-872-2253 (v); 800-993-2822 (TTY);
<http://www.access-board.gov/>

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