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2020 Significant Changes

FBC 110.3 –Required Inspections (Chapter 1)

- Add Exterior Wall Covering inspection
- Add Soffit Covering inspection

FBC 202 and 1017.3 – Exit Access Travel Distance

Change to the definition of exit access travel distance and to the measurement requirements for exit access travel distance now requires it to be measured for each room, not just the most remote point on a floor.

FBC 311.1.1 Classification of Accessory Storage Space

Regardless of size, storage rooms and storage spaces that are accessory to other uses are to be classified as part of the occupancy to which they are accessory.

FBC 503.8 & 707.3.2 Roof Structural Deck Change

Changes to this section now require an evaluation and potential strengthening of the roof structural deck only when more than 30% of the structural roof diaphragm is removed.

FBC 716.5.9.3 Delayed Action Closers

Self-closing doors that are not also required to be automatic closing are now permitted to be equipped with delay-action closers.

FBC 706.7 & 706.8 Wood-Roof Deck Mitigation

Wood roof deck mitigation has been expanded to apply to all buildings with a wood roof deck, not just site built single-family residential buildings.

FBC 706.8.1 Roof-to-Wall Connections

Roof-to-wall connections has been expanded to apply to all buildings with a wood roof deck, not just site built single-family residential buildings.

FBC 1504.3.3 Metal Roof Shingles

Metal roof shingles are now addressed separately other than metal panel roof systems with reference made to applicable standards for the labeling and testing of wind resistance for the shingles.

FBC 1507.1.1 Underlayment Requirements

Modification of underlayment requirements to come into line with IBHS Fortified sealed roof deck requirements.

FBC 1603.1 Consideration of Rain Loads

Addition of consideration of Rain Loads to the structural construction documents.

FBC 1609 Wind-loads ASCE 7-10 to ASCE 7-16

New wind-load criteria for rooftop solar panels (contained in ASCE 7-16).

FBC 1609.3 New, Separate Wind Speed Map for Risk Category IV

Adoption of a separate wind speed map for Risk Category IV structures.

FBC 2510.6 Additional Water-Resistive Barrier Requirement

Additional exception for water-resistive barrier requirement has been added to require a ventilated airspace between the stucco and the water-resistive barrier.

**Pertains to Sarasota County because it is in Climate Zone 2A.