



## Informal Interpretation Report Number 6527



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**Section** 1207.3

### **Question:**

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code - Building Section 1207.3 to require Impact Insulation Class ratings for sound proofing between floors of multi-family dwellings when carpeted flooring is replaced with hard-surface flooring in an existing dwelling?

### **Answer**

Yes. The applicable code is the 2007 edition of the Florida Building Code - Existing Building Volume. Replacement of flooring materials with different materials as described would be classified as a Level 1 Alteration. FBC - Existing Building Section 602.3, Materials and Methods, states, in part that "All new work shall comply with materials and methods requirements in... the Florida Building Code - Building... as applicable, that specify material standards, detail of installation and connection, joints, penetrations and continuity of any element, component or system in the building". As such, the requirements of FBC 1207.3 would be applicable when installing new flooring materials as an alteration.

### **Commentary:**

It is important to note that if the existing flooring material was being replaced with like materials due to damage to the original material, the replacement would be considered a repair as described in FBC - Existing Building Section 402.1 and FBC Section 1207.3 would not apply.

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