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Section 606

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 606 in general and 604.4 which directs the professional to comply with Chapter 16 of the FBC to allow a reviewer to cite 1612.1.2 of FBC-Building as a reason to require compliance with FBC-Building 2411.3.2.1 TAS202 regarding Water Infiltration" on a Level 1 alteration to change a door?

Answer

Keeping in mind that the question makes mention of the HVHZ.

If doors within a frame are replaced and the frame is not replaced, the classification of work is a repair. Such repair need only comply with the code in effect when the building was constructed. The answer is, no.

If the entire door assembly is being replaced, frame included, the classification is Alteration Level 1.

Notwithstanding section 602.3 of the FBCE, compliance with the Florida Building Code, Building Chapter 16 is exclusively required for door and window replacement as noted in section 606.4. The answer is, no, regarding specific guidance to other sections of the Florida Building Code, but: In complying with Chapter 16, the doors must be impact resistant or protected with an external protection device that meets the impact test criteria, unless meeting one of the two exceptions contained in section 606.4.

However, as a component of the building envelope, the replacement doors must possess a current and valid product approval. The product approval addresses the issues of both impact and water infiltration.

Commentary:

Consequently, even without a direction to Chapters of the

Florida Building Code other than Chapter 16, provisions for water infiltration compliance will be addressed through the product approval.

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