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Section 1509.7

Question:

Is it the intent of the code to require engineering information on existing rooftop curbs which meet the existing code at the time of installation when applying for a permit to replace the HVAC unit. Not changes or alterations to existing curb.

Answer

102.8 Existing mechanical equipment. An agency or local government may not require that existing mechanical equipment on the surface of a roof be installed in compliance with the requirements of the Florida Building Code until the equipment is required to be removed or replaced.

Commentary:

This issue will fall to the Existing Building Code and the designer/contractor must select the code path within the Existing Building Code. That will then determine the amount of compliance with the FBC-M. If compliance through the Existing Building Code is done in accordance with Chapter 3, then all "new work, shall comply with the current FBC-M. The code official may require anchoring information for the new unit to the existing curb (or adapter curb if provided). If the existing curb meets the height requirements of the code, is properly anchored through a previously permitted installation, and is not replaced, then it is allowed to remain in used without modification. If a new curb is installed, then all connections must be in compliance with the current codes.

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