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Section 611.1

Question:

Is it the intent of paragraph 611.1 that equipment supports be raised or replaced to comply with table 1509.7 of FBC-Building?

Answer

Section 611.1 does not apply as the provisions of FBCB 102.8 apply. In addition, Section 611.1 invokes compliance with FBCB Chapter 15. FBCB Section 1510 would apply which invokes Section 1509.7.

Commentary:

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.

1510.1 General.
Materials and methods of application used for recovering or replacing an existing roof covering shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 15.

1509.7 Mechanical units.
Roof mounted mechanical units shall be mounted on curbs raised a minimum of 8 inches (203 mm) above the roof surface,

or where roofing materials extend
beneath the unit, on raised equipment
supports providing a minimum clearance
height in accordance with Table 1509.7.

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