



**Informal Interpretation Report  
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**Section** 306.3.2

**Question:**

Is it the intent of Section 306.3.2 to require relocation of an air handler to within six(6) feet of an attic access when changing out an existing system?

**Answer**

No

**Commentary:**

Replacing just the existing split system equipment is typically a level 1 alteration. Section 602.4 in the Existing Building Code requires the new equipment to comply with materials and methods requirements of the FBC-Mechanical and FBC- Energy Conservation codes. Section 601.2 in the Existing Building Code will not let you alter the system to make it less energy efficient.

Comment: If you are replacing the equipment and reconfiguring or replacing duct system it changes the work to a level 2. The requirements change and the answer becomes yes.

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