



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 604.1

Question:

Is it the intent of the exception listed in section 604.1 to allow replacing windows with the same size and type but not to have to meet the minimum Width / Height and square footage of egress as long as the clear opening of the current fenestration being replaced is not changed by more than 5%?

Answer

Yes, provided the existing openings meet the emergency escape and rescue opening provisions in effect at the time of original construction.

Commentary:

The existing openings may be reduced by 5%. This was the subject of Declaratory Statement DCA07-DEC065. The Code Editions and Section references have changed, but the code provisions remain the same.

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