



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 704

Question:

Within Chapter 7 of the Existing Building Code 5th Edition, is it the intent of the code to require replacement windows in bedrooms to comply with the requirements of an emergency escape and rescue opening?

Answer

No. Replacement windows serving as EERO may meet the code in effect at the time of the original construction. In addition, they may be reduced in size by up to 5%. This was the subject of Declaratory Statement number DCA07-DEC065. While the section numbers of the FBC-EC have changed due to added chapters, the requirements themselves have not changed.

Commentary:

None

Notice:

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