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Section 2322.1.6

Question:

Is it the intent of FBC 2322.1.6 that floor sheathing be tongue and groove or blocked at seams and also be glued on both residential and commercial projects?

Answer

Yes, insofar as your questions relates to an HVHZ provision the cited section is applicable for both commercial and residential constructions. Note 3 of Table 2322.1.6 makes clear plywood edges shall have approved tongue-and-groove joints or shall be supported with blocking unless 1/4-inch minimum thickness underlay is installed or 1/2 inch of approved cellular or lightweight concrete is installed or unless finish floor is 1-inch nominal wood strip. Note 3 in the Table also restricts the deflection to $l/360$. This requirement must be met in any room, including the bathroom.

Commentary:

Section 2103.11 has additional requirements for floor framing and sheathing under tile found in ANSI A 108.

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