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Section 101.8

Question:

Is it the intend of 101.8 to require the equipment meet FBC in regards to roof mounted mechanical if it is being replaced but the roof is not.

Answer

No. A glitch amendment was made to clarify this. Please see the copy of the Code sections in the commentary.

Commentary:

1620.6 Rooftop structures and equipment.

Exception: Exposed mechanical equipment or appliances fastened to a roof or installed on the ground in compliance with the code using rated stands, platforms, curbs, slabs, walls, or other means are deemed to comply with the wind resistance requirements of the 2007 Florida Building Code, as amended. Further support or enclosure of such mechanical equipment or appliances is not required by a state or local official having authority to enforce the Florida Building Code.

From the Existing Buildings Volume:

101.8 Existing mechanical equipment. An agency or local government may not require that existing mechanical equipment located on or above the surface of a roof be installed in compliance with the requirements of the Florida Building Code except during reroofing when the equipment is being replaced or moved during reroofing and is not in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Building Code relating to roof-mounted mechanical units.

301.1.5 Existing mechanical equipment. Revise Section 301.1.5 to read as follows:

301.1.5 Existing mechanical equipment. An agency or local government may not require that existing mechanical equipment located on or above the surface of a roof be installed in compliance with the requirements of the Florida Building Code except during reroofing when the equipment is being replaced or moved during reroofing and is not in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Building Code relating to roof-mounted mechanical units.

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