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# International Code Council partners with Florida code officials and home builders to publish code reference publication

The publication provides the most critical updates to the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2020) Florida Building Code.

**Washington, D.C.** – The International Code Council, the Florida Home Builders Association and the Building Officials Association of Florida have released a joint publication, <u>Significant Changes to the Florida Building Code: Building and Residential</u>. The new publication provides the most critical updates to the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2020) Florida Building Code with real-world application of those changes that helps building safety professionals better understand recent code changes and ultimately perform their jobs more efficiently

Each change analysis features the affected code sections and clearly identifies the change with images and examples for easy and quick identification and comprehension of the change. The book's attention to detail, organization, and concise coverage makes it an ideal tool for transitioning from the 2017 to the 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code, Building and Florida Building Code, Residential. Significant Changes to the Florida Existing Building Code are also included. <complex-block>

Key features of the publication to include:

- Clarification of code language via full-color illustrations, photographs or examples.
- A detailed table of contents, part summaries, change summaries, and in-depth discussion of the change significance.
- Clear notations of all key changes, including deleted code language shown with a strikethrough and new code text indicated as underlined text.
- Logical organization, facilitating quick and accurate identification of key information, that follows the layout of the codes, including chapter, section number and title format.

"This book is a product of the Code Council's long and enduring partnership with Florida's homebuilders and code officials," said Code Council Executive Vice President Mark Johnson. "As the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of building safety across the world, we are proud to collaborate on this effort to increase the knowledge of the important code changes that help Florida building professionals ensure safety throughout their communities."

"This publication is a critical resource for Florida home builders," said Scott McCracken, President of the Florida Home Builders Association (FHBA). "FHBA members take pride in building code compliance and lead the way in implementing the latest updates to the code. This book provides our members with the comprehensive changes taking place, while presenting the updates in a clear and concise manner so that we can all be successful in implementing the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition."

"The Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF) is proud to partner with ICC and the Florida Home Builders Association to make this publication available, said BOAF President Michael Matison. "It will be a valuable resource to all users in familiarizing themselves with the many changes in the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2020) Florida Building and Residential Codes. As always, we welcome the opportunity to partner with those involved in the Code process."

The *Significant Changes to the Florida Building Code: Building and Residential* publication is available for purchase through the Code Council <u>store</u>. It will also be available on Digital Codes Premium in January 2021.

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## About the International Code Council

The <u>International Code Council</u> is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions that include product evaluation, accreditation, technology, training and certification. The Code Council's codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable, and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.

### About the Florida Homebuilders Association

Established in 1947, The <u>Florida Homebuilders Association</u> (FHBA)is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and Florida's local/regional homebuilder associations. FHBA, along with affiliates, work to create the best possible economic and regulatory environment for members to succeed. For more information, visit <u>www.fhba.com</u>.

### About the Building Officials Association of Florida

The <u>Building Officials Association of Florida</u> is a member-driven association dedicated to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of the public through safe building practices. BOAF equips building professionals through education, advocacy, leadership and code development. For more information visit <u>www.boaf.net</u>.