

Florida Building Commission
Fire Technical Advisory Committee - Meeting report
December 8, 2003
Orange County Administration Building

(1) Committee members present at the meeting:

Nick D' Andrea, Tony Apfelbeck, Carl Coughlin, Joe Belcher, Hamid Bahadori, John Calpini, Dale Greiner, Jeff Gross, and Jim Schock.

(2) The Committee discussed the requirements of Table 503 of the International Building Code and debated the following options:

Option #1: Adoption of Table 503, Allowable Heights and Building Areas, of the 2003 IBC as is.

Option #2: Adoption of Table 503, Allowable Heights and Building Areas, with Florida specific modifications which replace the height and area numbers of the Table 503 with those from Table 500 of the 2001 Florida Building Code using the appropriate IBC occupancy classifications and types of construction. In addition, this option will include revising several sections of the IBC necessary to make the height and area requirements, including modifications for increases in heights and areas, consistent with the 2001 FBC. (See proposal from the Alliance for Fire Safety (AFS))

Option #3: Utilize the unsprinklered numbers within FBC Table 500 and substitute those numbers into Table 503 of the IBC. Use FBC height limits and number of stories. Remain with IBC core language.

(3) Motion and actions on the options were as follows:

Motion to approve Option 3 (Apfelbeck and Belcher) allowing height increase (property protection, safety) IBC reduces property protection in favor of life safety. Withdrawn. Move to use FBC Table 500 evaluating Option 2 (Louisiana study) on a case by case basis. Create a strike/delete document. 4/4

Move to accept Option 2 (Greiner and Bahadori). 7/2