

Notice of Development of Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Division of Housing and Community Development

| RULE NO: | RULE TITLE |
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| 9B-13.0041: | Thermal Efficiency Standards Adopted |
| 9B-13.0061 | Effective Date |

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Part VIII, Chapter 553, Florida Statutes, became effective March 15, 1979. It requires new and substantially renovated buildings, as well as new replacement systems in existing buildings, to meet the requirements of Florida's Energy Efficiency Code for Building Construction. The rule amendment, anticipated to take effect on October 1, 2008, enhances the energy performance of new construction in Florida. As applied to residential construction, the Commission will consider the efficiency levels for duct systems, windows and the relative area of glass to floor space. As applied to commercial construction, the Commission will consider updating the Code's requirements to be consistent with ANSI/ASHRAE 90.1 - 2007, Energy Efficient Design of New Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings, and ASHRAE Advanced Energy Design Guide for Small Office Buildings. The Commission may also consider any other method or means to increase energy efficiency required by the Code. The Commission will also consider changes to the Code to clarify current requirements and address any inconsistencies. The rule also anticipates repealing an outdated reference to the effective date

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building Construction

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: s. 553.901, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: s. 553.901, s. 553.903, F.S.

A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 8:30 A.M. , or as soon thereafter as the matter can be called up before the Commission in accordance with its meeting agenda, March 19th, 2008.

PLACE: 3705 Spectrum Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33612

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Mo Madani, Planning Manager, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Sadowski Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, (850)921-2247. If you are hearing or speech

impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Mo Madani, Planning Manager, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Sadowski Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, (850)921-2247

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

9B-13.0041 Thermal Efficiency Standards Adopted.

(1) ~~The design and fabrication of all new and renovated buildings, except as exempted herein, shall comply with the requirements of the Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building Construction, 2008 Edition (the Code), is hereby adopted by reference promulgated by the State of Florida. The Florida Building Commission Department shall revise, update and maintain the Code. All new and renovated buildings, except as exempted herein, shall comply with the requirements of the 1997 Edition of the Code and the 1998 revisions, Form 600A-97 (Revised 1998), the FLA/RES-97 (Revised 1998) computer program, Form 600B-97 (Revised 1998) and Form 600C-97 (Revised 1998), herein incorporated into this rule by reference.~~

(2) A copy of the above referenced Code as amended has been filed with these rules with the Secretary of State. The Code is also available for reference and inspection at the Department offices in Tallahassee, Division of Housing and Community Development, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100.

Specific Authority 553.901 FS. Law Implemented 553.901, 553.903 FS. History—New 12-10-96, Amended 10-19-97, 1-19-98, 12-27-98, 9-12-00, _____.

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~~Revised pages of the 1997 Edition of the Code, Form 600A-97 (Revised 1998), the FLA/RES-97 (Revised 1998) computer program, Form 600B-97 (Revised 1998), and Form 600C-97 (Revised 1998) shall take effect on the effective date of this rule.~~

Specific Authority 553.901 FS. Law Implemented 553.901 FS. History—New 12-10-96, Amended 10-19-97, 1-19-98, 12-27-98, 9-12-00, Repealed _____.