

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
Mechanical Technical Advisory Committee
Orlando, Florida
September 23, 2002
REPORT

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peggy Patterson, Steve Bassett, Mike McCombs, Phillip Simmons, Pete Quintela, Bob Andrews, Betsy Goll, Jim Cummings.

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

1. Review mechanical provisions of the rehab code and provide recommended treatment of same.
2. Provide recommendations on requested DCA02-DEC-239 on garage ventilation.

GENERAL:

Chairman Peggy Patterson convened the meeting 2:30 p.m. with a quorum of 9 of 11 voting members present.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

REHAB CODE

The TAC considered sections of proposed rehab code deferred to them by the rehab committee and provided recommendations for their use.

Section 409

On a motion from Simmons, the TAC voted 8 - 1 to refer to section 301.12 of the Florida Building Code, Mechanical instead of to section 401.1.

Section 609

On a motion from Bassett, the TAC voted 9-0 to delete the exception to section 609.1 and expand "shall be provided with either natural or mechanical ventilation" to add "or exhaust.", and to delete sections 609.2 and 609.3 in their entirety. The TAC felt these requirements are adequately covered by the Florida Building Code, Mechanical.

Section 702.1.1

On a motion from Bassett, the TAC voted 9-0 to approve section 702.1.1 as modified to read “in accordance with the Florida Building Code, Mechanical.”

Section 702.2

On a motion from Bassett, the TAC voted 9-0 to approved section 702.2 as read.

Section 702.2.1

On a motion from Bassett, the TAC voted 9-0 to approved section 702.2.1 modified to read “in accordance with the Florida Building Code, Mechanical”.

Section 708

On a motion from Bassett, the TAC voted 8 - 1 to add a new section 708, Building Mechanical Systems, to read:
“708.1 General. Where buildings are undergoing Level 3 Alterations including mechanical alterations, the provisions of this section shall apply.

708.2 Alterations to Mechanical Systems. Alterations to mechanical systems shall comply with the Florida Building Code, Mechanical.”

This action was taken because the TAC felt 50% alterations should meet all provisions of the Florida Building Code, Mechanical, where the cost of the job exceeded 30% of their assessed value as per the mechanical code definition of “Renovation.”

Section 809

On a motion from Simmons, the TAC voted 9-0 to approve section 809 as modified to read “in accordance with the Florida Building Code, Mechanical....”

DCA02-DEC-239

The TAC considered DCA02-DEC-239 at length. The DEC petitioner withdrew his DEC statement request to change the question for consideration at the next meeting.

Other Business:

Quintela raised the issue of what happened to DCA02-DEC-177, which was finalized differently from the TAC and Commission actions. Reportedly, it must now be challenged because it was signed by the Commission Chair. TAC Chair Patterson will address this with the Commission.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.