

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION  
Mechanical Technical Advisory Committee  
St. Pete Beach, Florida  
May 13, 2002**

**REPORT**

**Voting Members Present:**

Peggy Patterson, Leonard Lipka, Jim Cummings, Philip Simmons, Elizabeth Goll, Pete Quintela, Steve Bassett, Don Pittman, Mike McCombs, Bob Andrews

**Meeting Objectives:**

1. Presentations on the cause and effect of section 601.4 of the Florida Building Code, Mechanical.
2. Respond to DCA02-DEC-062 to clarify the requirements of section 601.4 of the mechanical code for balanced return air.
3. Respond to DCA02-DEC-127 to clarify whether the exhaust duct connection to a dryer can be considered the cleanout as described in the International Mechanical Code Commentary.
4. Respond to Chair's request for clarification on whether mastic is required for duct sealing.
5. Respond to Andrew's request for a clarification on garage ventilation.
6. Meeting evaluation and adjourn.

**General Comments:**

DCA02-DEC-062

Petitioner asked for clarification of criteria by which the intent of section 601.4 of the code might be determined by contractors and inspectors.

ACTION: On a motion from Bassett, the TAC agreed that the 0.001 in w.c. measurement in section 601.4 is not a correct equivalent with 2.5 pascals; it should be 0.01. This should be fixed in the "glitch fix" cycle. VOTE: Yes 10, No 0.

ACTION: On a motion from Bassett, the TAC requested that DCA02-DEC-062 be returned to the petitioner to revise the question asked before the TAC reconsiders the issue. VOTE: Yes 6, No 4.

DCA02-DEC-127

Petitioner asked whether the criteria of section the exhaust duct connection to a dryer can be considered the a cleanout as described in the International Mechanical Code Commentary.

ACTION: On a motion by Bassett, the TAC moved staff recommendation 1: A “means for cleanout” may include the exhaust duct connection to an individual dryer outlet if it is accessible and readily disassembled. VOTE: Yes 10, No 0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The TAC ran out of time to discuss other issues planned. and requests more time for the next TAC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Peggy Patterson at 10:00 a.m.