TACs' Preliminary Recommendations to the Commission
TAC Code Amendment Review and Recommendation Process
2026 Code Update Process – 9th Edition (2026), Florida Building Code
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Section 1. General Provisions

- Facilitator will serve as moderator, ask for and call the motions, and assist with Commission's adopted process and participation procedures.
- One person speaks at a time. State name and representation each time you speak. TAC members state you name when making and seconding motions.
- Limit your comment and be concise.
- Do not read lengthy prepared statements. Summarize, and if you have a lengthy prepared statement submit the complete text of your comment in writing for the record.
- Public comments will be limited to a maximum of three minutes (3) per person. However, a TAC member may request clarification of public comments through the TAC chair or Facilitator.
- For virtual meetings, when invited to comment, use the ***Raise Hand Icon*** if you wish to comment.
- For in-person meetings, hold the microphone button the entire time while speaking. The light starts green, turns yellow with 30 seconds left, and red when 3 minutes is up.
- Offer new points and/or state agreement with previous speakers. Please do not repeat what has been stated.
- Facilitator in consultation with the TAC chair may terminate a comment if it is repeating previous comments, and not simply stating agreement or offering new points.
- The TAC wants to hear all viewpoints to ensure all perspectives are considered, not repeats of the same views.
- Proponents and Opponents not wishing to provide comments are encouraged to raise their hands in support of or opposition to Code amendments to provide the TAC with a sense of stakeholder preferences.
- Based on an evaluation of the number of individuals wishing to comment on a specific topic relative to the number of items to be considered, and the amount of time available in the meeting, the Facilitator in consultation with the TAC chair, may require stakeholder groups to select a representative(s) to provide the TAC with their comment(s) rather than allowing each individual to comment, pursuant to the authority provided in Section 286.0114 (4)(b), F.S.

Section 2. TAC Code Amendment Review and Consideration Process

- TAC will vote in favor of the motion that the **standing findings*** apply to all motions to approve proposed Code amendments *(Section 4)* prior to considering proposed Code amendments. The TAC will stand on the required findings for all motions to approve. ****This is not a standing motion to approve.***
- Facilitator will introduce each proposed Code amendment by FBC Code Chapter and Section in turn, and by TAC based on the tracking chart order.

- Proponent of proposed Code amendment will speak first, followed by other proponents. Identify whether you are speaking for the original and/or an alternate.
- Proponents may request the TAC consider a threshold proposal prior to another proposal on the same matter. It is preferred the request be made to DBPR staff in writing prior to the meeting.
- Opponents of proposed Code amendment will follow proponents.
- Proponents/opponents will be allowed one (1) collective two-minute counterpoint opportunity to address any new point(s) raised by previous speakers(s), but only if they address new points specific to the comment(s) raised by the speaker(s) and if they provide new points. No repeating of previous comments/points. It will be up to the proponents and the opponents to select one individual to make the counterpoint for their respective perspectives.
- TAC members assigned to review the amendment will provide a brief summary and their recommended action and /or motion, followed by TAC Action.
- Clarifying questions by TAC members only. TAC members may ask questions of the public through the facilitator.
- Staff, proponent, or specified commenter will respond to TAC Member's questions.
- Once a motion and second is on the floor, discussion is limited to TAC members except as allowed by the facilitator in consultation with the TAC chair.
- **Withdrawal of a Code Amendment:** A Code amendment proposal may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time prior to the TAC's vote on the proposal.
- All Code amendments must be voted on individually, either to approve or to deny, and will require a motion and a second.
- **Rationale for Denial.** TAC members are encouraged, but not required, to provide feedback regarding their reason for not recommending the approval of a Code amendment proposal.
- Motions require a two-thirds (67%) favorable vote for approval; those amendments which receive less than a two-thirds favorable vote will be considered unapproved and will be deemed recommended for denial.
- In order for a Technical Advisory Committee to make a favorable recommendation to the Commission, the proposal must receive a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting and at least half of the regular members must be present in order to conduct a meeting. [Section 553.73 (3) (b), F.S.]

SECTION 3. TAC MEMBER MODIFICATIONS

- **TAC Modifications.** TAC members should avoid spending time modifying a Code amendment proposal, and instead TAC members should focus on providing a proponent with constructive comments for possible revision of their Code amendment during the 2nd 45 - day review/comment period. This approach will ensure that consideration of Code amendments is completed within the time allocated for the meeting.
- Any TAC modifications to a proposed Code amendment require: additional public comment, and TAC analysis of findings, rationale, and fiscal impact.
- ***Modifications:*** Modifications to proposed Code amendments may be suggested by any person participating in the TAC meeting. The person proposing the modification is deemed to be the

proponent of the Code amendment. All modifications must be written, unless determined by the Chair to be either editorial or minor in nature. The proponent of the modification shall provide an electronic version in an editable format, and 20 hard copies to staff for distribution to the TAC prior to TAC consideration.

- A proposed modification to a Code amendment shall not be considered by the TAC if it:
  - Is not legible;
  - Changes the scope of the original proposal; or,
  - Is not readily understood so that a proper assessment of its impact on the original proposal of the Code can be determined.

SECTION 4. STANDING FINDINGS APPLIED TO ALL MOTIONS TO APPROVE PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS

Facilitator will read the following motion, ask for a motion and second to approve, and the TAC will then vote in favor.

The Technical Advisory Committee moves that for all motions made to approve a proposed Code amendment, the Technical Advisory Committee votes to recommend that the Commission approve the amendment based on the following Findings [Pursuant to the Requirements of Section 553.73 (9)(a) and (9)(b), F.S.]:

A. The amendment is needed in order to accommodate the specific needs of this state; and

B. The amendment has a reasonable and substantial connection to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public; and

C. The amendment strengthens or improves the Florida Building Code, or in the case of innovation or new technology, will provide equivalent or better products or methods or systems of construction; and

D. The amendment does not discriminate against materials, products, methods, or systems of construction of demonstrated capabilities; and

E. The amendment does not degrade the effectiveness of the Florida Building Code; and

F. The amendment has the following fiscal impact relative to the costs and benefits of the proposed amendment:

1. The fiscal impact relative to enforcement imposed upon local government is as indicated by the proponent.
2. The fiscal impact of compliance imposed upon property and building owners is as indicated by the proponent.
3. The fiscal impact relative to compliance imposed upon industry is as indicated by the proponent.
4. The amendment must demonstrate by evidence or data that the state's geographical jurisdiction exhibits a need to strengthen the code beyond the needs or regional variations addressed by the code and why the proposed amendment applies to this state.

G. The amendment's benefits noted with regard to fiscal impact and efficacy outweigh the costs imposed.

H. The amendment does not diminish requirements related to wind resistance or prevention of water intrusion contained in the Code or its referenced standards and criteria.