



New Florida Building Code 8th Edition Effective January 1, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

The new Florida Building Code (FBC) 8th Edition will go into effect January 1, 2024.

To assist the development community during this transition, the city will provide a vesting process to determine if projects nearing submittal are eligible to remain under the FBC 7th Edition.


The FBC draws upon national model building codes and national consensus standards which are amended where necessary for Florida’s specific needs. The FBC incorporates all building construction related regulations for public and private buildings in the State of Florida other than those specifically exempted by Section 553.73, F.S. It is harmonized with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, which is developed by the Department of Financial Services, Office of the State Fire Marshall, to establish unified and consistent standards.

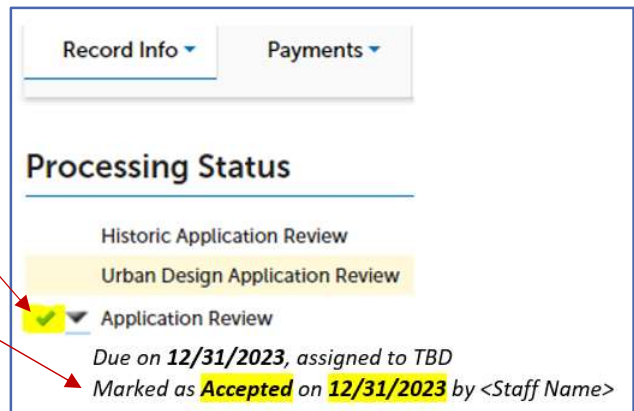


The FBC is adopted and updated with new editions triennially by the Florida Building Commission. Under an adoption process established in 2017 (Chapter 2017-149, Laws of Florida), going forward, the Building Commission will start with the current FBC and then review the International Building Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, International Existing Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Plumbing Code, and the International Residential Code. At a minimum, the Commission must adopt any updates to such codes or any other code necessary to maintain eligibility for federal funding and discounts from the National Flood Insurance Program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

VESTING

To qualify for vesting under the FBC 7th Edition, building plans must be **SUBMITTED** and the application for permit **ACCEPTED** by December 31, 2023. Our staff understands that this will be a modification period and will work with all projects during this transition to continue to provide a safe built environment.

The Application Review must be marked as “Accepted” and .



FIND YOUR STATUS

Information regarding the status of your permit can be found online. Please review our [Accela Guide – Find Permit Status Comments](#) for easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions. (You do not need to be logged into your Accela account or a contact on the permit to view this information.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about this change, please contact CSDHelp@tampagov.net or (813) 274-3100, option 1.