NEW FLORIDA BUILDING CODE

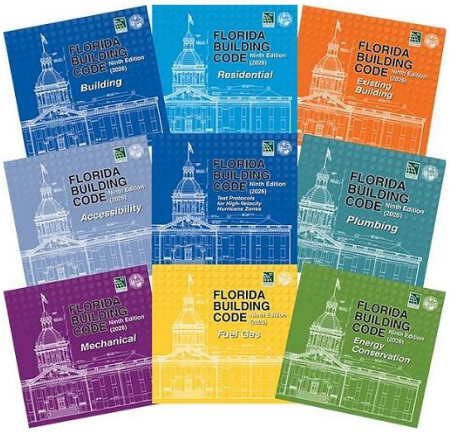
9th EDITION (2026)

Effective January 1, 2027

GENERAL INFORMATION

The new Florida Building Code (FBC), 9th Edition (2026), will go into effect January 1, 2027.

To assist the development community during this transition, the City will provide a vesting process to determine whether projects nearing submittal are eligible to remain under the FBC, 8th Edition (2023).



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 building construction-related regulations for public and private buildings in the State of Florida, other than those specifically exempted by Section 553.73, Florida Statutes. It is harmonized with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, developed by the Department of Financial Services, Office of the State Fire Marshal, to establish unified and consistent standards.

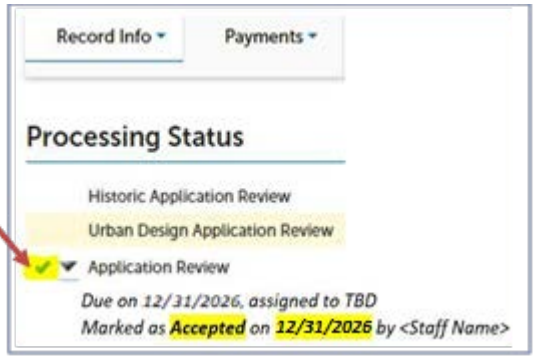
The FBC is adopted and updated with new editions every three years by the Florida Building Commission. Under the adoption process established by Florida Administrative Code Rule 61G20-2.002 as the Commission begins with the current FBC and reviews of the most current updates of the International Building Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, the International Existing Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Residential Code and International Energy Conservation Code, all of which are copyrighted and published by the International Code Council, and the National Electrical Code, which is copyrighted and published by the National Fire Protection Association.

At a minimum, the Commission must adopt updates to those 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, 8th Edition (2023), building plans must be submitted and the permit application accepted by December 31, 2026. Our staff understands that there will be a transition period and will work with applicants to continue providing a safe built environment.

The Application Review workflow step in Accela must show "Accepted."



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.