



Collier County Fire Prevention and Protection Code POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL



ARTICLE NUMBER: AC 11-1

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 3, 2011

SUBJECT: AC Change out Permit Requirements

OBJECTIVE: To provide clarification for when a Fire plan review and inspection is required

BACKGROUND:

There seems to be some confusion as to when an A/C change-out is subject to Fire review and inspection. Since the A/C replacements take place within buildings subject to the firesafety code they are subject to fire plan review and inspections as per Florida Statute 553.79(2).

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

Fire plan review and inspections are required for all A/C replacements in any commercial building, in any common area of a multi-family building (3 or more living units) or in any portion of a multi-family building (including the living unit) if the permit includes replacing a “line set”.

We will not require fire plan review or fire inspections for A/C replacements totally within and serving any one any living unit if the permit does not include replacing a “line set”. The building department has agreed to check for duct detectors if the air handler exceeds 2000 cfm.

Inspections :

1. If located in a plenum, new equipment or materials shall be plenum rated. Existing non-plenum rated materials are not subject to replacement.
2. Penetrations of rated assemblies.
3. Duct detector placement if greater than 2000 cfm.

This has been our policy since June 2010.

CODE REFERENCES:

Florida Statute 553.79(2) prohibits the Building Official from issuing a permit for construction, erection, alteration, modification, repair, or demolition of any building until the appropriate firesafety inspector certified pursuant to s. 633.081 has reviewed the plans and specifications required by the Florida Building Code, or local amendment thereto, for such proposal and found that the plans comply with the Florida Fire Prevention Code and the Life Safety Code. Any



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building or structure which is not subject to a firesafety code shall not be required to have its plans reviewed by the firesafety inspector. Any building or structure that is exempt from the local building permit process may not be required to have its plans reviewed by the local building code administrator.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

DISTRIBUTION: Big Corkscrew Island Fire District; East Naples Fire District; Golden Gate Fire District; Immokalee Fire District; Isle of Capri Fire District; North Naples Fire District; Ochopee Fire District; City of Marco Island Fire Department; Building Director, Collier County Community Development; Chief Inspectors, Collier County Community Development; Collier County Community Development Records; Collier Building Industry Association (CBIA); Subscribers