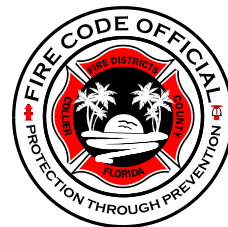




Collier County Fire Prevention and Protection Code

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL



ARTICLE NUMBER: EWR 10-1

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/2/2010

SUBJECT: Egress Window Replacement

OBJECTIVE: Establish Guidelines for the Minimum Allowable Window Opening Size during Egress Window Replacement

BACKGROUND:

To provide a county wide standard on the minimum allowable size of the window opening during replacement of required egress windows.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

Where windows are being replaced in locations that require egress window installation, the following guidelines shall be used:

1. If the existing opening will accommodate the egress window size requirements of NFPA 101, the window shall be compliant.
2. If the existing opening will not accommodate the egress window size requirements of NFPA 101, the next largest possible egress window shall be installed in the existing opening. This window shall not provide less than a 5.0 square feet clear opening. Additionally, the minimum clear opening shall have a height of not less than 18 inches and a width not less than 22 inches. **THESE DIMENSIONS SHALL NOT BE USED TOGETHER**, as the resulting clear opening shall be required to provide a minimum of 5.0 square feet.
3. If an egress compliant window is available for the opening, compliance will be required irrespective of architectural style.
4. Any existing opening that cannot accommodate the minimum 5.0 square feet of clear opening will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Fire District having jurisdiction in the location of the affected structure.

CODE REFERENCES:

2007 FFPC, NFPA 101: 31.2.1.2, 24.2

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