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FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#16)

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DATE: September 9, 2016
TO: All Building Officials.
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SUBJECT: Interpretation of 5th edition (2014) Florida Building Code
Mechanical: 301.15; Building: 453.25.4.5.1, 1609.1.1, 1620.1, 1620.6; Fuel Gas: 301.10.

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At its regular meeting of September 8, 2016, the Board of Rules and Appeals approved an interpretation of the following Exception:

“Exposed mechanical equipment or appliances fastened to a roof or installed on the ground in compliance with the code using rated stands, platforms, curbs, slabs, walls, or other means are deemed to comply with the wind resistance requirements of the 2007 Florida Building Code, as amended. Further support or enclosure of such mechanical equipment or appliances is not required by a state or local official having authority to enforce the Florida Building Code.”

This Exception was included in the glitch language, adopted into the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014); by the Florida Building Commission on June 8, 2016, as a result of HB 535-2016.

Formal interpretation

1. Mechanical equipment or appliances themselves, are not required to demonstrate compliance with the wind load requirements of the Florida Building Code and no other shielding, sheltering, or reinforcement of the equipment of appliance is required.
2. Notwithstanding Item 1 above, the mechanical equipment or appliances shall be adequately anchored to the rated stands, platforms, curbs, slabs, walls, or other means of support to resist the wind loads of the 2007 Florida Building Code.

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