### Florida Fire Code Advisory Council January 30, 2025 10:00AM to 11:00AM Virtual Go To Meeting

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1. Call to Order at 10:00 AM by Elijah Flowers, Fire Prevention, Code Analyst

2. Roll Call of Members – Elijah Flowers/DFS Staff

Members Present:

$\triangleright$	John Abner	-	Representing the Building Officials Association of Florida
$\triangleright$	Robert Suarez	-	Representing the Florida Professional Firefighters
$\triangleright$	Jeff Lucas	-	Representing the Florida Fire Marshal's and Inspector's Association
$\triangleright$	Renee McCord	-	Representing the State Fire Marshal
$\triangleright$	Chris Carlson	-	Representing the Chancellor of the State University
$\triangleright$	Randall Napoli	-	Representing the General Public
$\triangleright$	lan Kemp	-	Representing the Florida Fire Chief's Association
	Don Whitehead	-	Representing the Department of Education
	<u>Members Absent:</u>		
$\succ$	TJ Thornberry	-	Representing the Florida Home Builders Association
$\triangleright$	Michael Byrd	-	Representing the Florida Association of the American Inst. of Architects
$\triangleright$	Vacant	-	Representing the Florida Engineering Society

3. Opening Remarks: Elijah Flowers/DFS Staff

This is a Meeting of the Florida Fire Code Advisory Council being held virtually via GoToMeetings and has been published in the Florida Administrative Register on 01/14/2025.

This Meeting is being held in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 633.204. The purpose of the Council is to advise and recommend to the State Fire Marshal Changes to the Uniform Fire Safety Standards adopted under Chapter 633.206, and the Florida Fire Prevention Code adopted under Chapter 633.206, Florida Statutes.

 Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting Motion made by Chris Carlson, Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Whitehead – Motion Passed 8-0

Agenda Items:

#### -FFCAC = Council Chair/Vice Chair Selection

Chris Carlson nominates Jeff Lucas for Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Napoli. FFCAC Approves 8-0 Jeff Lucas nominates Chris Carlson for Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Suarez. FFCAC Approves 8-0

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### 🜲 🛛 P1-D1 Small Restaurants

DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Proposal weakens Code. FFCAC Comment: Carlson/Abner/Lucas Aligns with FBC Public Comment(Proponent-Demopoulos): Intent to align with FBC FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept Carlson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Abner. Motion passed. 8-D 🖊 P1-D2 Crowd Managers DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Proposal weakens Code Public Comment( Jonas): Limit to specific assemblies. FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to reject Abner, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 8-0 🜲 🛛 P1-03 Crowd Managers DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Proposal weakens Code Proponent comment(Demopoulos): Specific to Assembly FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to reject Carlson, Suarez 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 8-D 🜲 🛛 P1-04 EPS Assisted Living Facilities DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): EPS covered under 59A-36, outside Scope of Authority. FFCAC Comment(Lucas): Council supported this proposal past cycle. Proponent comment(Demopoulos): Beneficial to align with other Rules. FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept Napoli, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 8-D 🜲 🛛 P1-05 Small Restaurants DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Proposal weakens Code Proponent comment(Demopoulos): Suggest considering approving all companion proposals. FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept Abner, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 8-0 🖊 🛛 P1-06 Small Restaurants DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Proposal weakens Code FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept Carlson, Abner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 8-0 🖊 🛛 P1-07 Panic Hardware DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Beneficial alignment with FBC regarding panic hardware FFCAC Comment: Whitehead- Oppose, should limit to new occupancies. Proponent comment(Demopoulos): Intent is to align with FBC, limit to New Occupancy Chapters only. Desire to withdraw. FFCAC Recommendation: No motion, withdrawn by proponent limit scope to new chapters.

🜲 🛛 P1-08 Small Restaurants

DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Proposal weakens Code

FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept Carlson, Whitehead 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 8-0

## 🖊 P1-09 Occupant Load Use Factors in Mercantile

DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Proposal weakens Code, value changes would lower required egress capacity. FFCAC Comment: Whitehead, aligns with FBC. Carlson, FBC alignment would be beneficial. Proponent comment(Democoulos): Intent is to align with FBC, tables in FFPC confusing for mercantile.

FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept Carlson, Abner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 7-1 Suarez N.

# 🜲 P1-10 Window Openings

Proponent comment(Demopoulos): Withdraw proposal FFCAC Recommendation: No motion

## 🜲 🛛 P1-11 Panic Hardware

DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Beneficial alignment with FBC regarding panic hardware FFCAC Comment:

Proponent comment(Demopoulos):

FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept Whitehead, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 8-D

## 🜲 🛛 P1-12 Panic Hardware

DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Beneficial alignment with FBC regarding panic hardware FFCAC Comment: Whitehead, should only apply to New.

Proponent comment(Demopoulos): Confirmed intent to New. Will withdraw or amend.

FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept as amended, New occupancies only Whitehead, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 8-D

## 🜲 P1-13 Food Truck Shutoff Valves

DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Strengthens Code, Consider MFDV Rulemaking for language inclusion. Numerical reference overlap.

FFCAC Comment:

Proponent comment(Demopoulos): Satisfied with language for inclusion in forthcoming Rule or as FFPC amendment.

FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept as amended Napoli, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 6-2 Lucas/Abner N

# 🜲 🛛 P1-14 Food Truck Shutoff Valves Signage

DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Strengthens Code, Consider MFDV Rulemaking for language inclusion. FFCAC Comment: Lucas; sign dimension?

Proponent comment(Demopoulos): Some dimensions outlined, happy to amend to provide more specific language. FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept Carlson, Napoli 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 6-2 Lucas/Abner N

#### P1-15 Woodworking Operations

DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Allow for Council deliberation. Rational unclear.

FFCAC Comment: Lucas-Only Annex material. Suarez- rated Construction?

Proponent comment(Demopoulos): Code appeal in Broward. Fire Protection Handbook and FBC provides additional clarity affirming proposal position.

FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept Abner, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 8-D

#### P1-16 Woodworking Operations Asterisk

DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Companion Proposal

FFCAC Comment:

Proponent comment(Demopoulos):

FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to accept Abner, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 8-0

🜲 🛛 P1-17 Alternative Exit Sign Compliance

DFS Staff Analysis(Flowers): Covered under existing Code, unnecessary change. Forcing AHJ to accept these alternatives.

FFCAC Comment:

Proponent comment(Jonas): Desire to Present. Proposal would provide for more uniformity. F11692 Companion FBC Proposal.

FFCAC Recommendation: Motion to reject Carlson, Abner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 8-0

#### Other Business

Next Meeting at FFAFLSE Joint Conference 2025

- 5. Comments by Council
- 6. Comments by Public: General Discussion

Adjournment: 11:40am

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