

**Florida Fire Prevention Code**  
9th Edition

Phase 2  
Public  
Proposals

Number	Proponent	Summary Impact	Staff Analysis	FFCAC Review Date	FFCAC Recommendation
P2-01	Carsten Jonas	<p>NFPA 1, section 13.7.1.7.7.1: Add new section as follows.  <u>Protective covers that require a glass or other frangible element to be broken in order to activate the manual fire alarm box shall be permitted in accordance with 13.7.3.3.8.1.</u></p> <p>NFPA 1, section 13.7.3.3.8.1: Add new section as follows.  <u>Protective covers that require a glass or other frangible element to be broken in order to activate the manual fire alarm box shall be permitted where all of the following apply:</u>  <u>1. A means is provided to allow the glass or other frangible element to be broken in case of fire, without undue risk of injury.</u>  <u>2. A means is provided to allow authorized personnel to open the cover without breaking the glass or other frangible element.</u>  <u>3. When authorized personnel open the cover, the manual fire alarm box shall be capable of being reset and operationally tested without the need to disassemble or remove other components of the cover.</u></p> <p>NFPA 101, section 9.6.2.7.1: Add new section as follows.  <u>Protective covers that require a glass or other frangible element to be broken in order to activate the manual fire alarm box shall be permitted where all the following apply:</u>  <u>1. A means is provided to allow the glass or other frangible element to be broken in case of fire, without undue risk of injury.</u>  <u>2. A means is provided to allow authorized personnel to open the cover without breaking the glass or other frangible element.</u>  <u>3. When authorized personnel open the cover, the manual fire alarm box shall be capable of being reset and operationally tested without the need to disassemble or remove other components of the cover.</u></p>	<p>Reject: This proposal will weaken the Code. The proposal lacks any required Listing. Protective covers are allowed in Code, when Listed, specifically NFPA 72: 17.15.8 which is referenced in NFPA 1: 13.7.3.3.8*</p> <p>Listed protective covers shall be permitted to be installed over single- or double-action manually actuated alarm-initiating devices. [72:17.15.8]  101: 9.6.1.3</p> <p>Fire alarm systems required by this Code shall be installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with the applicable requirements of NFPA 70 and NFPA 72 unless otherwise permitted by 9.6.1.4. 10.3.1</p> <p>Equipment constructed and installed in conformity with this Code shall be listed for the purpose for which it is used.</p> <p>A.17.15.8 The protective covers must be listed to ensure that they do not hinder the operation of the pull stations and to ensure that they meet accessibility requirements for activation by persons with physical disabilities.</p>	6/4/2025	Reject: Proponent withdrew proposal in meeting.
P2-02	Carsten Jonas	<p>NFPA 1, section 14.14.3 ("Sign Legend"): Add text to empty section as follows.  <u>Exit signs required by 14.14.1 and 14.14.2 shall be either text-based in accordance with 14.14.3.1 or pictogram-based in accordance with 14.14.3.2. Either of the formats may be used, unless the AHJ requires one of the formats pursuant to 14.14.3.3.</u></p> <p>NFPA 1, section 14.14.3.1: Revise as follows.  <u>Text-based exit signs</u> required by 14.14.1 and 14.14.2 shall read as follows in plainly legible letters, or other appropriate wording shall be used: EXIT</p> <p>NFPA 1, section 14.14.3.2: Replace as follows.  <u>Where approved by the AHJ, pictograms in compliance with NFPA 170 shall be permitted.</u>  <u>Pictogram-based exit signs shall use the pictogram for an emergency exit, and as applicable, directional arrows, as specified in NFPA 170.</u></p> <p>NFPA 1, section 14.14.3.3: Add new section.  <u>An AHJ may enact a policy to require a text-based or pictogram-based format instead of allowing either of the formats to be used. If it does so, the AHJ shall post the policy on its public-facing website. Where the website features a page or section pertaining to policies or interpretations relating to this Code, the policy shall be posted in such section.</u></p> <p>NFPA 1, section 14.14.6.1.1: Revise as follows.  Externally illuminated <u>text-based signs</u> required by 14.14.1 and 14.14.2, other than approved existing signs, unless otherwise provided in 14.14.6.1.2, shall read EXIT or shall use other appropriate wording in plainly legible letters sized as follows:  1. For new signs, the letters shall be not less than 6 in. (150 mm) high, with the principal strokes of letters not less than 3/4 in. (19 mm) wide.  2. For existing signs, the required wording shall be permitted to be in plainly legible letters not less than 4 in. (100 mm) high.  3. The word EXIT shall be in letters of a width not less than 2 in. (51 mm), except the letter I, and the minimum spacing between letters</p>	<p>Reject: This provision is already permitted in Code. Authorities have ability to accept/approve pictograms at their discretion. Additionally, this Code modification would overlap existing Code language as proposed.</p>	6/4/2025	Reject: Proponent withdrew proposal in meeting.
P2-03	Tommy Demopoulos	<p>Any door in a required means of egress from an area having an occupant load of <del>100</del> 50 or more persons shall be permitted to be provided with a latch or lock only if the latch or lock is panic hardware or fire exit hardware complying with 7.2.1.7.</p>	<p>Accept: Must ensure all applicable NEW chapters reflect changes. Per the previous Council meeting, proposal would strengthen the FFPC and align with the FBC. Observe prior Council recommendation of limiting to new occupancy chapters.</p>	6/4/2025	Accept Proposal for consideration. Confirm applicable occupancy chapters.

		<p>4.7.1 Where required. Emergency egress, fire and relocation drills conforming to the provisions of this Code shall be conducted as specified by the provisions of Chapter 11 through 43, or by appropriate action of the authority having jurisdiction. Drills shall be designated in cooperation with the local authorities.</p>	Accept: Proposal provides a clarification to the Code regarding FI specific emergency drills language that was incorporated in the 8th Edition FFPC.		
P2-04	Tommy Demopoulos	<p>14.7.2.5/15.7.2.5 All <del>emergency fire</del> drill alarms shall be sounded on the fire alarm system <del>or by other methods approved by the AHJ. This provision shall not prohibit the use of a mass notification system, as defined in NFPA 72, for notifying and instructing occupants for drills other than fire drills.</del></p>		6/4/2025	Accept Proposal for consideration.
P2-05	Tommy Demopoulos	<p><u>Option A</u>  <b>11.13.3 Disconnecting Means</b>  <b>11.13.3.1</b> For permanently connected EVSE and WPTE, a disconnecting means shall be provided and installed in a readily accessible location. If the disconnecting means is installed remote from the equipment, a plaque or directory shall be installed on the equipment denoting the location of the disconnecting means. For cord- and plug-connected EVSE and WPTE, with a rating not exceeding 60 amperes or not exceeding 150 volts to ground, the cord and plug shall be permitted to serve as the disconnecting means. The disconnecting means shall be lockable open. <span style="float: right;">Option B</span>  <b>11.13.3 Disconnecting Means</b>  <b>11.13.3.1</b> For permanently connected EVSE and WPTE, a disconnecting means shall be provided and installed in a readily accessible location. If the disconnecting means is installed remote from the equipment, a plaque or directory shall be installed on the equipment denoting the location of the disconnecting means. For cord- and plug-connected EVSE and WPTE, with a rating not exceeding 60 amperes or not exceeding 150 volts to ground, the cord and plug shall be permitted to serve as the disconnecting means. The disconnecting means shall be lockable open.  <b>11.13.3.2</b> For EVSE and WPTE installations that are within a parking structure, a means for disconnecting power to the entire system shall be installed on the exterior of the structure and on each floor where the equipment is located, in locations approved by the authority having jurisdiction and be identified with signage in accordance with 11.13.3.6.  <b>11.13.3.3</b> Disconnecting means shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction.  <b>11.13.3.4</b> Disconnecting means shall be installed not more than 60 inches (1524 mm) above finished floor.  <b>11.13.3.5</b> Where more than one disconnecting means is provided, all devices shall be interconnected and be a manual reset type.  <b>11.13.3.6</b> A reflective, weather resistant sign shall be provided at each disconnecting means location and shall be a minimum of 16 inches (406.4 mm) by 10 inches (254 mm) in size, be visible to emergency responders, be on a green background with white lettering and state "ELECTRIC VEHICLE EMERGENCY DISCONNECT".  <b>11.13.3.7</b> The disconnecting means shall be maintained and tested annually.</p>	<p>Accept option A: Option A as proposed was accepted by the NFPA 70 Committee for incorporation into the 2026 edition of NFPA 70. Division seeking confirmation regarding potential conflict with FFPC proposal, the Florida Building Code and edition of NFPA 70 as adopted therein.</p>	6/4/2025	Accept Option A Proposal for consideration.
P2-06	Tommy Demopoulos	<p>42.8.3.5 Extinguishing Requirements. (Reserved)</p> <p>42.8.3.5.1 All newly constructed parking structures shall be provided with a Class I standpipe system in accordance with NFPA 14.</p>	<p>Accept: Fire sprinkler requirements will be applicable to new parking garages upon adoption of the 9th edition FFPC and/or 69A-73. Combination standpipe systems would provide additional option for firefighter tactics and response. Additional cost analysis</p>	6/4/2025	Accept Proposal for consideration.
P2-07	Tommy Demopoulos	<p><b>11.13 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) &amp; Wireless Power Transfer Equipment (WPTE)</b>  <b>11.13.1 General</b>  Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE). Equipment for plug-in charging, including the ungrounded, grounded, and equipment grounding conductors, and the electric vehicle connectors, attachment plugs, personnel protection system, and all other fittings, devices, power outlets, or apparatus installed specifically for the purpose of transferring energy between the premises wiring and the electric vehicle. (625) (CMP-12)  Wireless Power Transfer Equipment (WPTE). Installed specifically for the purpose of transferring energy between the premises wiring and the electric vehicle without physical electrical contact. (625) (CMP-12)  <b>11.13.1.1</b> EVSE &amp; WPTE shall not be installed in any structure not protected throughout by an approved, electrically supervised automatic sprinkler system.  <b>11.13.1.2</b> Parking spaces designated for EVSE &amp; WPTE shall be a minimum of 17 ft (5181.6 mm) wide.  <b>11.13.1.3</b> All EVSE &amp; WPTE shall be located on an island to protect against collision damage or shall be protected with pipe bollards or other approved protection.  <b>11.13.2</b> Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) &amp; Wireless Power Transfer Equipment (WPTE) Installed in Parking Structures  <b>11.13.2.1</b> EVSE and WPTE shall not be installed within 25 feet (7.62 m) of any required means of egress, within 25 feet (7.62 m) of any vertical structural support member, below-grade or on an entrance or exit ramp.</p>	<p>Reject: The definitions proposed will be an overlap, and applicable without this proposal, as the 2023 edition of NFPA 70 will be referenced within the 9th Edition FFPC. Some of these provisions may potentially conflict with the FBC and F.S. 553.5041(5)(c)1. <b>Each parking space must be at least 12 feet wide. Parking access aisles must be at least 5 feet wide and must be part of an accessible route to the building or facility entrance. The access aisle must be striped diagonally to designate it as a no parking zone.</b> Suggest proposing to the FBC via Chapter 5 FBC requirements.  Could potentially cause confusion regarding island term as there is existing language in NFPA 70. 625.49 Island Mode.  EVPE and bidirectional EVSE that incorporate a power export function shall be permitted to be a part of an interconnected power system operating in island mode. Cost of change outweighing benefit to safety/industry. Cost prohibitive. Suggested language to targeted, provisions added already rules and additional proposed rules. Mechanical strength of enclosure within scope of UL Listing, reference UL 2594 Section 7.6. Enclosure must comply with applicable UL strength of enclosure tests ,dropping, impact, drive over. Section 93.</p>	6/4/2025	Reject proposal from consideration.