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PREFACE

Scope

The EPCOT Building Code is based on national model building codes and national consensus standards, in addition to Florida-specific provisions. The code incorporates all building construction-related regulations for public and private buildings in the State of Florida. It has been harmonized with the *Florida Fire Prevention Code*, which is developed and maintained by the Department of Financial Services, Office of the State Fire Marshal, to establish unified and consistent standards.

The model codes used for the *EPCOT Accessibility Code* include: the 2023 editions of the *Florida Building Code, Building*; the *Florida Building Code, Existing Building*; the *Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation*; the *Florida Building Code, Fuel Gas*; the *Florida Building Code, Mechanical*; the *Florida Building Code, Plumbing*; the *Florida Building Code, Residential*; the 2024 *International Property Maintenance Code*; and the *EPCOT Accessibility Code*, 2018 edition.

The code is composed of ten volumes: the *EPCOT Building Code*, the *EPCOT Existing Building Code*, the *EPCOT Accessibility Code*, the *EPCOT Electrical Code*, the *EPCOT Energy Efficiency Code*, the *EPCOT Fuel Gas Code*, the *EPCOT Mechanical Code*, the *EPCOT Plumbing Code*, the *EPCOT Property Maintenance Code* and the *EPCOT Residential Code*.

Adoption and Maintenance

The *EPCOT Building Code* is adopted by an affirmed vote of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District Board of Supervisors. The code may also be amended between updates in order to incorporate interpretations into the code, address conflicts, and update standards, among other statutorily specified reasons. Minimum requirements for permitting, plans review and inspections are established by the code, and local jurisdictions may adopt additional administrative requirements that are more stringent.

Marginal Markings

Background shaded text indicate changes to the 2004 ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). Requirements based on Florida law are indicated by gray background shading. Solid vertical lines in the margins within the body of this code indicate a change from the requirements of the 2018 edition, except where a change was minor. Deletion indicators (→) are provided in the margin where an entire section, paragraph, exception or table has been deleted, if the deletion resulted in a change of requirements.

Italicized Terms

Selected terms set forth in Chapter 1, Definitions, are italicized where they appear in code text. Such terms are not italicized where the definition set forth in Chapter 1 does not impart the intended meaning in the use of the term. The terms selected have definitions that the user should read carefully to facilitate better understanding of the code.

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