Analysis of Changes for the 9th Edition (2026) Florida Building Code

Changes to the Florida Building Code, Fuel Gas

This *Analysis of Changes for the 9th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code* is intended to provide a comprehensive comparison of the provisions in the 8th *Edition (2023) Florida Building Code, Fuel Gas* (FBCFG) and the 9th *Edition (2026) Florida Building Code, Fuel Gas*. The 8th Edition (2023) FBCFG is the base code for the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCFG. The model code used to update the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCFG is the *2024 International Fuel Gas Code* (IFGC). However, not all changes in the 2024 IFGC are included in the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCFG. As a result of changes from the 2024 IFGC and Florida-specific amendments, certain provisions and criteria of the code have changed. This *Analysis* will serve as a useful tool to facilitate the transition to the new code.

This *Analysis* is arranged so that comparable provisions in the two codes can be easily located. The left two columns contain section numbers and a brief overview of the corresponding requirements from the 8th *Edition (2023)* FBCFG. The next two columns contain section numbers and a brief overview of the corresponding requirements in the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCFG. The far-right column contains a brief analysis or comment on the differences between the provisions.

This *Analysis* is not intended to replace or interpret the provisions contained in either the 8th *Edition (2023)* or the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCFG. This information simply points out the differences. The *Analysis* is not designed to be used without the aid of the representative code books, as all the details pertaining to a specific section may or may not be provided. However, this *Analysis* will provide an easy means for identifying differences in the two codes, as well as enabling the user to locate issue specific provisions in the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCFG by means of a numbered section cross reference.

This *Analysis* provides a cross-reference for most of the sections that changed in the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCFG. In some cases, sections were grouped together due to substantial differences. This grouping enables the extent of the differences to be more readily identified.

Notable changes deemed to be the most significant or to have the greatest impact have been highlighted in yellow.

8th Edition (2023) FBCFG		9th Edition (2026) FBCFG		Analysis
Section	**Requirement**	**Section**	**Requirement**	
Chapter 1: Scope and Administration				
No changes.				
Chapter 2: Definitions				
202	Definitions: Approved agency	202	Definitions: Approved agency	The definition of approved agency has been editorially revised for consistency with changes to same definition in NFPA 54.
202	Definitions: Listed	202	Definitions: Listed	This definition has been revised to provide examples of terms that are used to identify listed equipment, products, or materials
-	-	202	Definitions: Peer review	A new definition of peer review has been added and is defined as an independent and objective technical review conducted by an approved third party.
Chapter 3: General Regulations				
301.11	Flood hazard	301.11	Flood hazard	A new exception has been added permitting the replacement of exterior equipment and exterior appliances, unless the replacement is part of a substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage, that are damaged by flood to be elevated to or above the same height above grade as the first floor of the building or 4 feet (1219 mm) above grade, whichever is higher. A dry floodproofed enclosure is permitted for nonresidential buildings and portions of nonresidential buildings.
302.6	Cutting, notching and boring holes in cold-formed steel framing	302.6	Cutting and notching in cold-formed steel framing	The cutting, notching, and boring provisions for steel framing have been deleted. Section 302.6 now requires cutting and notching in cold-formed steel framing members to be in accordance with AISI S240 for structural members and AISI S220 for nonstructural members.
302.7	Cutting, notching and boring holes in nonstructural cold-formed steel wall framing			
304.12	Protection from fumes and gases	304.12	Protection from fumes and gases	This section has been reorganized for clarity. The language that required disposal of corrosive or flammable gases

				has been deleted. New language has been added that specifically addresses requirements for “fired appliances” where they are located near chemicals that generate corrosive or flammable sprays. The specific reference to barbershops and beauty shops has been deleted.
306.1	Access for maintenance and replacement	306.1	Access for maintenance and replacement	The phrase “be accessible” has been changed to “provide access.”
306.5	Equipment and appliances on roofs or elevated structures	306.5	Equipment and appliances on roofs or elevated structures	The permanent ladder dimensions and standards have been updated to comply with OSHA requirements. A top landing is now required. A clear and unobstructed landing on the exit side of the roof hatch having a minimum space of 30 inches (762 mm) deep and be of the same width as the hatch is required.
310.1	Pipe and tubing other than CSST	310.1	Pipe and tubing other than CSST	Section revised to clarify that piping is considered bonded provided it is connected to one or more appliances connected to the equipment grounding conductor of the circuit that supplies the appliance.
310.3	Arc-resistant CSST	310.3	Arc-resistant CSST	Section revised for clarity and to also clarify that arc-resistant-jacketed CSST is considered bonded provided it is connected to one or more appliances connected to the equipment grounding conductor of the circuit that supplies the appliance.
Chapter 4: Ventilation				
403.7	Workmanship and defects	403.7	Workmanship and defects	Section revised to be shown as a numbered list for clarity.
403.10	Metallic piping joints and fittings	403.10	Metallic piping joints and fittings	Section revised to be shown as a numbered list for clarity.
403.12.3	Nonferrous	403.12.3	Nonferrous	An exemption to compliance with ASME B16.24 for nonferrous flanges has been added for listed components using aluminum flange connections constructed

				in accordance with the dimensional specifications of ANSI/ASME B16.5.
403.12.7	Lapped flanges	403.12.7	Lapped flanges	The term “accessible” has been changed to “with access.”
-	-	403.13.1	Flanges	A new section has been added specifying the following for when flanges are separated and before gaskets are replaced: • Flange faces are required to be cleaned. • Flange surfaces are required to be inspected for pitting, corrosion, and other surface defects. • Flanges that contain pitting, corrosion, and other surface defects on faces are required to be repaired or replaced.
404.8.2	Conduit with both ends terminating indoors	404.8.2	Conduit with both ends terminating indoors	Section revised to clarify that conduit is required to originate and terminate in an area with access.
404.14.2	Conduit with both ends terminating indoors	404.14.2	Conduit with both ends terminating indoors	Section revised to clarify that conduit is required to originate and terminate in an area with access.
406.4.1	Test pressure	406.4.1	Test pressure	The phrase “irrespective of design pressure” has been deleted for clarity.
406.5.1	Detection methods	406.5.1	Detection methods	The term “approved gas detector” has been changed to a “listed combustible gas detector.”
-	-	406.7.3.1	Abandoned fuel gas piping	New section added requiring fuel gas piping to be purged where it is removed from service for an indefinite time period.
409.5.3	Located at manifold	409.5.3	Located at manifold	Section revised to clarify that specified shutoff valves are required to have access.
409.6	Shutoff valve for laboratories	409.6	Shutoff valve for laboratories	Section revised to clarify that specified shutoff valves are required to have access.
411.1.6	Unions	411.1.6	Unions	Section revised to clarify that specified unions are required to have access.
416.3.6	Size of fittings, pipe and openings	416.3.6	Size of fittings, pipe and openings	The term “impairment” has been changed to “reduction.”

Chapter 5: Chimneys and Vents				
501.7.3	Connection to a masonry fireplace flue	501.7.3	Connection to a masonry fireplace flue	Section revised to clarify that specified connectors are required to have access.
503.5.9	Cleanouts	503.5.9	Cleanouts	Section revised to clarify that cleanouts are required to have access.
503.12.6	Positioning	503.12.6	Positioning	Section revised to clarify that the specified relief opening is required to have access.
503.14	Automatically operated vent dampers	503.14	Automatic vent dampers	The term “automatically operated vent damper” has been changed to “automatic vent dampers.”
Chapter 6: Specific Appliances				
602.1	General (decorative appliances for installation in fireplaces)	602.1	General (decorative appliances for installation in fireplaces)	This section has been revised to require that decorative appliances for installation in approved solid fuel-burning fireplaces shall be listed in accordance with ANSI Z21.60/CSA 2.26.
Chapter 7: Gaseous Hydrogen Systems				
No changes.				
Appendix D: Recommended Procedure for Safety Inspection of an Existing Appliance Installation				
D.3	Appliance connectors	D.3	Appliance connectors	In Item 2, the term “brass” has been changed to “copper alloy.”