

26 | in all new ~~high-rise~~ and existing ~~high-rise~~ buildings. Two-way
27 | radio communication enhancement systems or equivalent systems
28 | may be used to comply with the minimum radio signal strength
29 | requirements. However, two-way radio communication enhancement
30 | systems or equivalent systems are not required in apartment
31 | buildings 75 feet or less in height that are constructed using
32 | wood framing, provided that the building has fewer than 150
33 | dwelling units and that all dwelling units discharge to the
34 | exterior or to a corridor that leads directly to an exit as
35 | defined by the Florida Building Code. Evidence of wood frame
36 | construction shall be shown by the owner providing building
37 | permit documentation which identifies the construction type as
38 | wood frame. Existing high-rise buildings, as defined by the
39 | Florida Building Code, are not required to comply with minimum
40 | radio strength for fire department communications and two-way
41 | radio communication enhancement systems ~~system enhancement~~
42 | ~~communications~~ as required by the Florida Fire Prevention Code
43 | until January 1, 2025. However, by January 1, 2024, an existing
44 | high-rise building that is not in compliance with the
45 | requirements for minimum radio strength for fire department
46 | communications must apply for an appropriate permit for the
47 | required installation with the local government agency having
48 | jurisdiction and must demonstrate that the building will become
49 | compliant by January 1, 2025. Existing high-rise apartment
50 | buildings are not required to comply until January 1, 2025.

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51 | However, existing high-rise apartment buildings are required to
52 | apply for the appropriate permit for the required communications
53 | installation by January 1, 2024.

54 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.