

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 551 (2025)

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)

ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)

FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN (Y/N)

OTHER

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Industries & Professional
Activities Subcommittee

Representative Borrero offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 62-152 and insert:

(4) The ~~a~~ local enforcement agency must provide an
inspection within 3 business days after such inspection is
requested ~~require at least one inspection of a fire alarm system~~
~~project or fire sprinkler system project~~ to ensure compliance
with applicable codes and standards. If a fire alarm system
project or fire sprinkler system project fails an inspection,
the contractor must take corrective action as necessary to pass
inspection.

(5) (a) For a fire alarm system project, a contractor must
keep a copy of the plans and specifications at the fire alarm

234373 - h0551-line62.docx

Published On: 3/11/2025 4:48:41 PM

Amendment No. 1

17 system project worksite and make such plans and specifications
18 available to the inspector for an onsite plans review at each
19 inspection. If the local enforcement agency determines that it
20 needs documents for recording purposes, the contractor must
21 provide such documentation in paper or electronic form to the
22 local enforcement agency within 4 business days after the
23 inspection or 4 days after the documentation is requested,
24 whichever is later. The local enforcement agency may not require
25 additional plans reviews or documentation of areas or devices
26 outside the scope of permitted work, as needed on permit
27 applications.

28 (b) For a fire sprinkler system project ~~to alter an~~
29 ~~existing fire protection system~~, a contractor must keep a copy
30 of the plans and specifications at the fire sprinkler system
31 project worksite and make such plans and specifications
32 available to the inspector at each inspection. If the local
33 enforcement agency determines that it needs additional documents
34 for recording purposes, the contractor must provide such
35 documentation in paper or electronic form to the local
36 enforcement agency within 4 business days after the inspection
37 or 4 days after the documentation is requested, whichever is
38 later. The local enforcement agency may not require additional
39 plans reviews or documentation of areas or devices outside the
40 scope of permitted work, as needed on permit applications.

Amendment No. 1

41 (6) A local government that fails to meet a deadline under
42 subsection (3) or subsection (4) must refund the permit fee by
43 10 percent for each business day after such failure, unless the
44 local government and contractor agree in writing to a reasonable
45 extension of time, the delay is caused by the applicant, or the
46 delay is attributable to a force majeure or other extraordinary
47 circumstances. Each 10 percent refund shall be based on the
48 original amount of the permit fee.

49 (7) By October 1, 2025, a local enforcement agency must
50 establish a simplified permitting process that complies with
51 this section.

52 **Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 633.202, Florida**
53 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

54 633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

55 (9) (a) The State Fire Marshal shall make rules that
56 implement this section and ss. 633.104 and 633.208 for the
57 purpose of accomplishing the objectives set forth in those
58 sections.

59 (b) If a county or municipality fails to adhere to the
60 requirements of this section when adopting an ordinance for a
61 local amendment to the Florida Fire Prevention Code, the local
62 amendment is null and void. A municipality may enforce only an
63 ordinance that has been sent to the Florida Building Commission
64 and the State Fire Marshal pursuant to subsection (8) as of the
65 date that the bid for a permit was submitted.

Amendment No. 1

T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove lines 9-27 and insert:

requiring the local enforcement agency to provide an inspection within a specified timeframe; requiring that certain plans and specifications be available for an onsite plans review during an inspection; requiring a contractor to provide additional documents, if necessary, within a specified timeframe; prohibiting a local enforcement agency from requiring additional plans reviews or documentation outside the scope of the permitted work; requiring that permit fees be refunded by a certain percentage if a local government fails to meet certain deadlines; providing exceptions; requiring local enforcement agencies to establish a simplified permitting process by a specified date; amending s. 633.202, F.S.; specifying a condition under which a local amendment to the Florida Fire Prevention Code is null and void; providing that a municipality may enforce only an ordinance that has been sent to the Florida Building Commission and the State Fire Marshal as of the date that the bid for a permit was submitted; amending s. 633.312,