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Florida's 2026 Commercial Energy Code Changes

The 9th Edition Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation reaches beyond equipment efficiency. It moves key decisions about energy credits, envelope testing, lighting, HVAC controls and documentation earlier in the project.

Projects near the transition should confirm the applicable code edition and local submittal requirements with the authority having jurisdiction.

Five changes to plan for

01
C406 credit strategy

Required credits vary by occupancy and climate zone, with options across envelope, HVAC, water heating, lighting, efficient equipment, renewables and load management.

02
Tighter envelope testing

The whole-building air-leakage limit tightens from 0.40 to 0.35 cfm/ft² at 75 Pa, with more detailed testing and reporting requirements.

03
Lighting and daylight controls

Interior and exterior lighting power allowances are reduced in many categories, and daylight-control requirements expand.

04
Expanded HVAC controls

New or revised provisions address deadbands, humidity, occupied standby, kitchen ventilation, boilers, fans and other control sequences.

05
Optional TSPR route

New Section C409 adds an optional HVAC Total System Performance Ratio method for qualifying projects and can support a C406 credit strategy.

2,000+ Buildings with more than 2,000 square feet of conditioned floor area must meet revised additional energy-efficiency credit requirements.

5,000+ Buildings with more than 5,000 square feet of conditioned floor area must also address renewable and load-management credit requirements.

How Calcs-Plus can help

Calcs-Plus provides established design and documentation services for Florida commercial projects. Early coordination can preserve more options before the envelope, systems and specifications are fixed.

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