

EMERGENCY RULE
Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Louisiana State Uniform
Construction Code Council
State Uniform Construction Code
(LAC 55:VI, Chapter 3)

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:1730.26, and R.S. 40:1730.28, relative to the authority of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC) to promulgate and enforce rules, the LSUCCC finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires adoption of a rule upon shorter notice than that provided in R.S. 49:953(A) as the 2011 hurricane season started on June 1, 2011, and ends on November 30, 2011. The 2009 International Building Code (IBC) allows the use of wood structural panel for opening protection of one and two story buildings classified as Group R-3 and Group R-4 occupancy. This excluded the use of wood structural panel for opening protection on buildings such as hotels, motels, apartments, fraternity and sorority houses, and vacation timeshare properties. The LSUCCC is proposing a permanent rule to correct this issue, but such rule will not take effect until October or November of 2011, which is effectively too late to help protect individuals and property this hurricane season. In order to allow building owners to economically protect persons and property, it is necessary to adopt these emergency rules to have this exception in place until the corresponding permanent rules can be adopted. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first. Effective June 17, 2011, the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code is amended as follows:

Title 55
PUBLIC SAFETY
Part VI. Uniform Construction Code
Chapter 3. Adoption of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code

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A.-A.1.a.ii. ...

iii. Amend Chapter 16, section 1609.1.2, Exceptions 1. Wood structural panels with a minimum thickness of 7/16 inch (11.1 mm) and maximum panel span of 8 feet (2438 mm) shall be permitted for opening protection in one- and two-story buildings. Panels shall be precut so that they shall be attached to the framing surrounding the opening containing the product with the glazed opening. Panels shall be predrilled as required for the anchorage method and shall be secured with the attachment hardware provided. Attachments shall be designed to resist the components and cladding loads determined in accordance with the provisions of ASCE 7, with corrosion-resistant attachment hardware provided and anchors permanently installed on the building. Attachment in accordance with Table 1609.1.2 with corrosion-resistant attachment hardware provided and anchors permanently installed on the

building is permitted for buildings with a mean roof height of 45 feet (13 716 mm) or less where wind speeds do not exceed 140 mph (63 m/s).

iv. Amend Chapter 23, section 2308.2, Exceptions 4. Wind speeds shall not exceed 110 miles per hour (mph) (48.4m/s) (3-second gust) for buildings in Exposure Category B.

A.2. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1730.26 and La. R.S. 40:1730.28.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, State Uniform Construction Code Council, LR 33:291 (February 2007), amended LR 34:93 (January 2008), LR 34: 883 (May 2008), LR 34:2205 (October 2008), LR 35:1904 (September 2009), LR 36:2574 (November 2010), effective January 1, 2011, LR 37:601 (February 2011), LR 37:913 (March 2011), LR37: