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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated November 2011.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. In Table 321.25-A, it appears that the existing numbers that correspond to the stud size of 2x4 inches should be shown with strike-throughs. See s. 1.06 (1) (a), Manual.

b. The treatment clause in SECTION 5 of the rule-making order incorrectly states that s. SPS 321.25 (8) (b) to (h) and (9) are repealed and recreated. In the rule text, pars. (d) to (h) and sub. (9) are actually repealed but not recreated. In addition, the treatment clause should include a notation of the tables and figures that are affected and indicate the treatment of each.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. It appears that s. SPS 321.02 (1) (c) 1. would be more clear if it were rewritten to state that a builder may choose to comply either with the requirement that a dwelling be able to withstand a horizontal and uplift pressure of 20 pounds per square foot or with the wind load requirements set forth in ASCE 7-05.

b. What is the difference between a requirement and a “prescriptive requirement” referred to in s. SPS 321.02 (1) (c) 3. and elsewhere throughout the rule? If this phrase refers to a specific type of requirement, that should be explained in the rule.

c. As written, s. SPS 321.25 (8) (b) requires wall bracing to use specified materials and methods. That provision should be rewritten to instead state that the specified materials and methods shall be used for wall bracing. The second sentence in s. SPS 321.25 (8) (b) is ungrammatical and confusing and should also be rewritten.

