



Window and Door Hidden Fastener/Connection Inspections

Photos used for limited inspection documentation

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In an effort to better serve the contractor/applicant and existing building owners this policy is being established to verify field conditions while remaining compliant with the Florida Building Code inspection requirements. This policy avoids the need to add additional inspections, delay the installation, or require the contractor or owner to leave the structure open to the elements in order to verify every connection and/or fastener.

The following is a list of requirements for verification of window and door hidden fasteners and connectors. (This policy may also apply to other similar inspection types and installation procedures, i.e. shutters.):

1. The applicant must supply clear photos of the hidden fasteners and connections. "Clear" means a photo of the fastener size and length, photo of the fastener starting to be installed and a photo of the fastener fully installed.
2. Photo of the permit located near the installation (installation in the background, reference to the project) in order to tie the photo to the specific project.
3. Photos must indicate everything that is needed for the inspector to review and determine compliance in order to approve the inspection.
4. Photos must be included in the permit package on the jobsite for the inspector's use and review and to add comments in the system and approve. Photos must be available at the next required inspection.
5. An inspection request comment must be added at the time of the inspection request to assist the inspector that indicates that photos are included onsite in the permit package.
6. If photos are not clear and cover what is needed for the inspector to determine compliance, the inspection will be disapproved with comments and a reinspection fee may apply.
7. An example of the fastener used must also be left in the permit package.
8. This in no way indicates that we do not want to see any fasteners, it indicates that there are occasions where the installation needs to proceed and that there will be some fasteners that need to be hidden and cannot be seen at a final inspection.
9. At final inspection the covers and caps that can be left off/removed for inspection must be left off for inspection and installed after the final inspection. The inspectors will not remove covers/caps, they need to remain off.
10. To be clear this policy is for the hidden fasteners/connections that cannot be seen at the next and/or final inspection only.
11. The inspector must take good notes for the inspection records. (i.e. window/door hidden attachment fasteners and or connections approved per applicants photos provided and verified onsite.)
12. This requires all windows and doors to be installed at the same time. In most cases, partial inspections will not be performed.

This policy applies to hidden fasteners and connectors for doors and windows. It does not allow for the acceptance of photos in lieu of required inspections for any other type of inspection.