

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the State Codes Advisory Committee
Georgia Building Officials
Industrialized Buildings Manufacturers and Third-Party Agencies
Interested Parties

FROM: Ted Miltiades, Director TM
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SUBJECT: New GFCI Amendment to the 2020 NEC

The State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) has voted to amend the 2020 National Electric Code (NEC). They have amended some of the new changes in section 210.8 Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Personnel which became effective January 1st, 2021.

Stoves - Section 210.8 (A) elimination of the 250v in line 1

Dryer – Section 210.8 (A) elimination of the 250v in line 1

HVAC – Elimination of Section 210.8(F)

This action was taken due to the nuisance tripping and the supply issues associated with the expanded GFCI requirements. Until these provisions are formally adopted administratively later this year the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) may utilize the following provision in the NEC if they deem it necessary.

90.4 Enforcement. This *Code* is intended to be suitable for mandatory application by governmental bodies that exercise legal jurisdiction over electrical installations, including signaling and communications systems, and for use by insurance inspectors. The authority having jurisdiction for enforcement of the *Code* has the responsibility for making interpretations of the rules, for deciding on the approval of equipment and materials, and for granting the special permission contemplated in a number of the rules.

By special permission, the authority having jurisdiction may waive specific requirements in this *Code* or permit alternative methods where it is assured that equivalent objectives can be achieved by establishing and maintaining effective safety.

This *Code* may require new products, constructions, or materials that may not yet be available at the time the *Code* is adopted. In such event, the authority having jurisdiction may permit the use of the products, constructions, or materials that comply with the most recent previous edition of this *Code* adopted by the jurisdiction.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the Construction Codes Program at 404-679-3118 or Codes@dca.ga.gov.

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