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MEMORANDUM

BULLETIN G23-00

TO: All Permit Applicants

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SUBJECT: Clarification for Residential Windows in Sleeping Rooms

The Commentary for the 1997 Standard Building Code, Section 1005.4.2, makes it very clear that the opening size for a window to meet the "emergency escape and rescue openings" requirement is measured in the normal usage condition. To quote the commentary, "It is intended that the net clear opening required by 1005.4.4 be provided when the window is opened as it would be for normal usage such as ventilation....This precludes the use of windows requiring the removal of pins or a sash or any other special operation." These requirements went into effect in 1998, when the City of Jacksonville adopted the 1997 Building Code.

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Plans Examiners
Supervisors
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