



**North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District
Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) Guidelines for Successful Review or Inspection**

Article Number	FAL 20-06
Effective Date	February 1, 2020
Subject	Occupant Notification in Unfinished/Unoccupied Areas of a Shell Building
Objective	Provide Clarification for Occupant Notification Coverage Requirements in Unfinished or Unoccupied Areas of a Building

BACKGROUND

The question has been raised regarding the need for complete coverage of audible and visible devices in areas of a shell building that are unfinished or unoccupied. In deliberating the issue, the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) expressed several concerns:

- Notification appliances installed in unfinished areas provide adequate coverage providing notification to both authorized, unauthorized, and itinerant public occupants that does not jeopardize life safety; and
- Capacity of the fire alarm panel to accommodate potential tenant build-outs.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

Notification device coverage shall be required in areas of a shell building designed for normal occupancy yet remain unfinished, or unoccupied:

- Notification appliances shall be installed based on the unfinished/unoccupied area dynamics and applicable NFPA 72 requirement; and
- Documentation shall be provided verifying that the parameters and capacity of the fire alarm panel are such that they can accommodate additional devices as will be required with potential tenant build outs.

CODE REFERENCES

FFPC NFPA 1-13.7.1.9.6.1 [101: 9.6.3.6.1]