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Manufactured Housing Program Informational Announcement Changes to Alternative Anchoring/Foundation Systems (ASFS)

On September 5, 2025, the manufactured housing industry implemented a safety enhancement for homes installed in New York and the rest of Wind Zone 1. This change has resulted in alternative foundation designs exceeding HUD Code requirements by including specific uplift protection. To be clear, this is not a HUD Code change, it is a new requirement being implemented by the industry itself to improve the safety and resilience of manufactured homes by adding additional anchoring protection for home installations utilizing alternative systems in Wind Zone 1 areas.

Anchor manufacturers Tie-Down Engineering, Minute Man Anchors, and Oliver Technologies have revised their respective installation instructions to implement these new requirements. Therefore, compliance will be inspected by authorities having jurisdiction responsible for the enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

A quick summary of the change:

System manufacturer installation instructions have changed. Vertical uplift anchorage is now **mandatory** for all ASFS installed in New York. Regardless of the system manufacturer or home type (single, double, or triple section homes). Sidewall brackets must be added and connected with anchors using methods detailed in the instructions. While it will vary depending on the home size, the changes will typically require between two and seven sidewall brackets. This replaces the previous methods of ASFS utilized.

This change is already in effect and does not affect an installation utilizing a traditional strap and anchor system.

Local authorities having jurisdiction should request copies of manufacturers' installation instructions when ASFS are utilized. Inspections shall confirm installation in accordance with those manufacturers' installation instructions. Including proper anchor count and placement, proper connection of the sidewall bracket, connections of strapping to the sidewall bracket, and anchor utilized.

Retailers, Installers, and Mechanics shall obtain revised copies of manufacturers' installation instructions and review them thoroughly. Utilize the correct number of anchors per home size, refer to the installation tables. Sidewall bracket installation, connection of anchor strapping to bracket and anchor, strap angles and anchor placement shall be per the instructions.

Resources, such as the revised installation instructions, are located on the various anchoring systems manufacturers' websites.

Thank you for your prompt attention regarding the above.

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