



Notice of Energy Efficiency Standards for Central Air Conditioners Mandated by the U.S. Department of Energy Effective January 1, 2023

The U.S. Department of Energy has adopted new energy conservation standards which increase the minimum energy efficiency requirements for central air conditioners as follows:

- For Split-systems – air conditioners with a certified cooling capacity **less than** 45,000 BTU/hr, the minimum efficiency will increase from 14 SEER to 14.3 SEER2.
- For Split-systems – air conditioners with a certified cooling capacity **equal to or greater than** 45,000 BTU/hr, the minimum efficiency will increase from 14 SEER to 13.8 SEER2.

The U.S. Department of Energy's new efficiency standard for central air conditioners is effective January 1, 2023. In order to facilitate a smooth transition to this new efficiency standard, the City of Fort Pierce Building Department will only require compliance with the new efficiency standard for permits submitted on or after January 1, 2023.

For permits submitted prior to January 1, 2023, the previous energy efficiency requirements from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2022 will apply.

Additional information regarding this requirement may be found at:

[https://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/Links to Code Resources.html](https://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/Links%20to%20Code%20Resources.html)