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CODE INTERPRETATION

QUESTION

When does the house wiring have to be upgraded to meet today's code?

CODE REFERENCE:

Clover Policy

ANSWER

Replacement of more than 50% of the receptacle wiring in a house, room or area requires the entire house, room or area to be brought up to today's code requirements in regard to outlet spacing and location, lighting, GFCI and AFCI requirements, etc. For example, if a home is 60% rewired, additional receptacles may have to be added to meet spacing and location requirements.

If less than 50% of the receptacle wiring in a house, room or area are rewired, then the entire house, room or area would not have to have additional receptacles added.

GFCI and AFCI requirements must be met when any amount of electrical work involving receptacles occurs to an area requiring GFCIs or AFCIs.

Replacement of any overcurrent protection (OCPD) requires the OCPD to meet today's code when it comes to AFCI and GFCI requirements.

Kitchens and bathrooms must be upgraded per the requirements of a separate policy statement on that subject. In short, when kitchen or bathroom countertop cabinets are installed, added, or replaced (in whole or in part), the entire kitchen wiring has to be upgraded.

Except for plumbing, mechanical and exterior building surface work only, when residential work requiring a permit occurs, the entire home is required to be upgraded to today's smoke alarm code. Limited exceptions exist for hard wiring and interconnection.

Note: except for smoke alarms, house additions do not require the older part of the home to be upgraded to today's code if no work is performed in the older part of the home.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Joe Hunter Bank Sr.".

Building Official / Town of Clover

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