

**481—61.6(135C) Construction requirements.** This rule contains construction requirements for all areas of the building.

**61.6(1) General provisions.**

*a.* Projects shall be constructed in compliance with 661—Chapter 205, Fire Safety Requirements for Hospitals and Health Care Facilities. Projects required to meet the provisions of the state building code shall be deemed to be in compliance with the fire safety requirements of the state building code if the nursing facility is in compliance with the provisions of 661—Chapter 205, Fire Safety Requirements for Hospitals and Health Care Facilities.

*b.* Projects shall be constructed in compliance with 661—Chapter 301, State Building Code—General Provisions. Projects meeting the local building code shall be deemed to be in compliance with the state building code provided that the local jurisdiction has established a building department, has adopted a building code by ordinance and enforces the local code through a system which includes both plan review and inspection.

*c.* Projects shall be constructed in compliance with the standards set forth in the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Residential Health, Care, and Support Facilities, 2018 edition, published by the Facility Guidelines Institute.

*d.* Final plan approval and final occupancy shall be given by the state fire marshal's office.

**61.6(2) Mechanical requirements.**

*a.* Projects shall be constructed in compliance with 661—Chapter 205, Fire Safety Requirements for Hospitals and Health Care Facilities.

*b.* Projects shall be constructed in compliance with the state mechanical code as provided in rule 661—301.4(103A). Projects meeting the local mechanical code shall be deemed to be in compliance with the state mechanical code provided that the local jurisdiction has established a building department, has adopted a building code by ordinance and enforces the local code through a system which includes both plan review and inspection.

*c.* Final plan approval and final occupancy shall be given by the state fire marshal's office.

**61.6(3) Electrical requirements.**

*a.* Projects shall be constructed in compliance with standards referenced in 661—Chapter 205, Fire Safety Requirements for Hospitals and Health Care Facilities.

*b.* Projects shall be constructed in compliance with the state electrical code as provided in rule 661—301.5(103A).

**61.6(4) Plumbing requirements.** Projects shall be constructed in compliance with 481—Chapter 425, State Plumbing Code.

**61.6(5) Accessibility requirements.** Projects shall be constructed in compliance with 661—Chapter 302, State Building Code—Accessibility of Buildings and Facilities Available to the Public.

**61.6(6) Lighting requirements.** Light shall be provided in the areas of the building as required in the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Residential Health, Care, and Support Facilities, 2018 edition, published by the Facilities Guidelines Institute.

**61.6(7) Exit door alarm system.** An exit door alarm system shall be installed on all exterior doors. (I, II, III)

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