

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control _____ Department or Agency Manufactured Housing Commission
Rule No. 535-X-13-.07
Rule Title: Minimum Anchoring Standards
 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer 
Date 2-7-13 Elwyn Thomas

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ALABAMA MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Manufactured Housing Commission (AMHC)

RULE NO. & TITLE: 535-X-13-.07 Minimum Anchoring Standards

INTENDED ACTION: To amend the rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

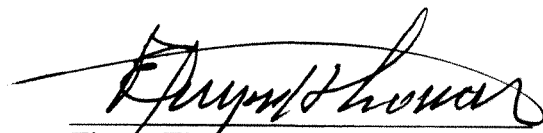
To clarify the requirement pertaining to the number of vertical ties.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Alabama Manufactured Housing Commission, 350 South Decatur Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. Persons wishing to express their views orally should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (334) 242-4036, Ext. 27, to set up an appointment.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

April 4, 2013

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Ms. Kathryn Terry, Executive Secretary


Elwyn Thomas, Administrator

535-X-13-.07 Minimum Anchoring Standards.

(1) No anchors shall be used for anchoring a manufactured home or building to the ground unless the anchor has been tested by a third party testing agency to the required holding power of the anchors. All anchors tested must then have the approval of the Commission. All ground anchors must be installed in the soil classification in which the anchor has been approved. It is the responsibility of the installer to ascertain the soil class and to make sure the anchor is installed in the correct soil. All shear wall locations must have an anchor and support pier installed. Manufactured required longitudinal ties must be installed.

(2) All manufactured homes and buildings shall have anchors spaced as evenly as practical with the piers.

(3) The required number of anchors per each side of each manufactured home and building are shown below:

| <u>WIND ZONE II</u> <u>HURRICANE ZONE</u> | | | <u>WIND ZONE I</u> <u>NON-HURRICANE</u> | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| <u>ZONE</u> | | | | |
| <u>*Length of</u> <u>***No. of</u> <u>Mobile</u> <u>Diagonal</u> <u>Home (ft)</u> | <u>**No. of</u> <u>Vertical</u> <u>Ties</u> | <u>No. of</u> <u>Diagonal</u> <u>Ties</u> | <u>****No. of</u> <u>Vertical</u> <u>Ties</u> | |
| 0 - 40 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 4 |
| 41 - 60 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 6 |
| 61 - 90 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 8 |

*Length of mobile home (as used in this table) means length excluding draw bar.

**The federal manufactured home construction and safety standards require all manufactured homes designed to be located in wind zones II and III to have a vertical tie installed at each diagonal tie location.

***If pier height is over 24", an additional diagonal tie must be added for every additional 12" or a portion thereof.

****Manufactured homes that do not have a HUD label must have three (3) vertical ties per size side in zone 1.

(4) Manufactured homes (with HUD labels) and manufactured buildings are not required to have vertical ties in wind zone 1.

(5) All multi section homes shall be lagged and sealed together in accordance with the home manufacturer's instructions.

(6) A zone 1 home cannot be installed in zone 2.

(7) An optional anchoring system that has been approved by the Commission in accordance with 535-X-13-.09 may be used if its use does not conflict with 535-X-13-.06(11).

(8) These minimum anchoring standards are based on the premise that all manufacturers doing business in Alabama have built their homes in compliance with the federal manufactured home construction and safety standards.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§24-4A-3, 24-5-31, 24-5-32, 24-6-4.

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Amended: