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Subject Title: Door Closers – Exterior Doors
Applicable Code: FBC Section 423.13.6 (2004 edition)
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Question:

Is a door holder/stop an acceptable alternative to door closer on exterior doors, to prevent the door from slamming and uncontrolled opening?

Answer:

- Yes, it is acceptable on doors to electrical and mechanical rooms.
- No, it is not acceptable on doors used by students or non MP&O staff. Such as; PE Storage, Flammable Storage, Golf Cart Storage, Restrooms, Pre-K/K outdoor storage.

Comment:

- If the room or space is designed for use by MP&O personnel, then a hold open device is allowed in lieu of an automatic door closer. Door closers on doors to storage, electrical, or mechanical rooms shall have a hold open capability, except when prohibited by fire rating requirements.