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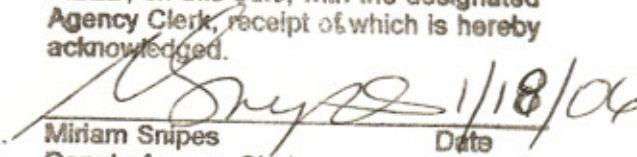Internet http://www.FourSeasonsSunrooms.com
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Petition for Declaratory Statement before the Florida Building Commission

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The petitioner requests a declaratory statement regarding the interpretation of the 2004 Florida Building code Section 1609.1.4., Protection of openings

More specifically we would request an interpretation of Part 4 of that section

> 4. Openings in sunrooms, balconies or enclosed porches constructed under existing roofs or decks are not required to be protected provided the spaces are separated from the building interior by a wall and all openings in the separating wall are protected in accordance with Section 1609.1.4 above. Such spaces shall be permitted to be designed as either partially enclosed or enclosed structures.

We interpret this section of the code to mean that openings in sunrooms are not required to be protected as long as they are separated from the building and are designed as partially enclosed or enclosed structures. Is this correct?

In addition, with regard to sunrooms only, they are not required to be constructed under an existing roof or deck to avail themselves to the provisions of this section. Is this correct?

We believe that the reference to existing roofs or decks only applies to enclosed porches and not