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# Petition for Declaratory Statement before the Florida Building Commission

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**Subject of Declaratory Statement:** Florida Building Code Chapter 20 Light Metal Alloys and/or Chapter 16 Structural Design

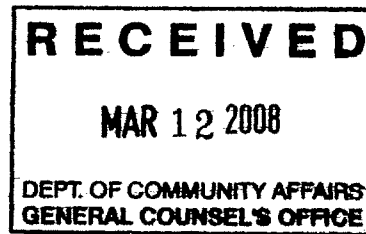
**Description:** The subject chapters of the Florida building code are applicable to the design and fabrication of screen enclosures. Although there does not appear to be any text addressing allowance for "removable screens" or "removable screen panels" or the like, it is possible to design an enclosure based on such features. Should such features be considered in the design of a screen enclosure, a structure of drastically reduced load bearing capacity (when compared to one without removable screens) and thus reduced cost would be permissible.

As a licensed engineer that designs screen enclosures, a provision for removable screens will materially affect my designs and my business as well as those of other engineers and the contractors that build these structures.

It is hereby requested that the Florida Building Commission issue a declaratory statement that clarifies if it is the intent of the Florida Building Code to allow provision for such removable panels in the design of screen enclosures or not. In addition, if a provision is allowed for removable panels, a method must be established for the design considerations in such situations.

Thank you,

*Steven M. Sincere P.E.*  
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FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
FILED, on this date, and the designated  
Clerk, report of which is hereby  
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