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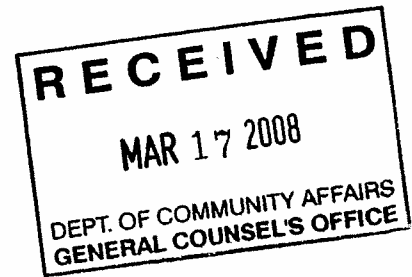
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Petition For Declaratory Statement

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A declaratory statement is sought in reference to a sunroom project located in Martin County PR #BGRMT102607. This is a glass sunroom with a glass roof. We have received comments from Martin County building dept. stating that we do not meet the requirement of 1609.1.4 of the 2004 FBC. We believe that the 2007 FRC R 301.2.1.2 Protection of openings exempts sunrooms from the requirement of shutter protection as long as the sunroom is separated from the existing structure by a wall and all openings in the existing wall are protected.

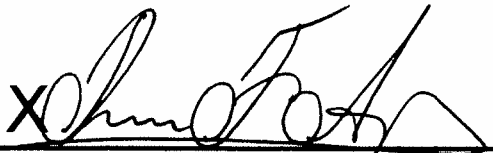
Section 1609.1.2 of the 2007 FBC final Draft reads:

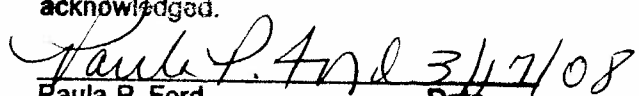
4. Openings in Sunrooms, balconies, or enclosed porches constructed under existing roofs or decks are not required to be protected provided the spaces are separated from the building interior by a wall and all openings in the separating wall are protected in accordance with 1609.1.2. Such spaces shall be permitted to be designed as either partially enclosed or enclosed structures.

Chapter 2 Definitions

Sunroom A one story structure added to an existing dwelling with an open or glazed area in excess of 40% of the gross area of the sunroom structures exterior walls and roof. For the purposes of this code the term sunroom as used herein shall include conservatories, sun spaces, solariums, and porch or patio covers or enclosures.

- 1- Can a Sunroom be built as partially enclosed?
- 2- Can a structure with its own new roof be built as partially enclosed?
- 3- Does a partially enclosed structure have to be shuttered?
- 4- A conservatory cannot be built under an existing roof or deck so how does this apply to 1609.1.2

  
Ruben Fabian Arroyo  
President of Arroyo Enterprises, Inc.

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Clerk, receipt of which is hereby  
acknowledged.  
  
Paula P. Ford  
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