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Petition for Declaratory Statement

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This is a revision of DCA08-DEC-108:

A declaratory statement is sought in reference to a sunroom project located in Martin county ,FL 4581 SW Bimini Circle N . This is a glass sunroom with a glass roof. It is not built under an existing roof or deck. It is considered a category 2 sunroom. 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.

Chapter 2 Florida Residential Code 2007

Habitable Space: A space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet compartments, closets, halls, screen enclosures, Sunrooms categories I, II, and III as defined in the AAMA/NPEA/NSA 2100, storage or utility space and similar areas are not considered habitable space.

R301.2.1.2 Protection of Openings

1 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 area protected in accordance with this section. Such space shall be permitted to be designed as either partially enclosed or enclosed structure.

- 1- Is this sunroom its own entity (structure) as defined in the FBC?
- 2- Must a sunroom be constructed under on existing roof or deck?
- 3- Can this structure be built as partially enclosed as per the Florida Building Code?
- 4- If the existing openings of this single family home are shuttered or have impact glass does the sunroom have to be shuttered as well since the sunroom is non-habitable?