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Petition For Declaratory Statement

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This is a revision of DCA08-DEC-087:

A declaratory statement is sought in reference to a sunroom project located in Martin County, FL 1661 SW Crossing Circle. This is a glass sunroom with a glass roof. The sunroom is designed as partially enclosed and is not built under an existing roof. This sunroom is 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 structures.

- 1- Can a non-habitable structure be built as partially enclosed?
- 2- Can this non-habitable sunroom structure be built as partially enclosed?
- 3- What categories of sunroom per the 2007 FBC are required to be shuttered?
- 4- Is this sunroom required to be shuttered?

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