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PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT BEFORE THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE COMMISSION

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Statue(s) Agency Rule(s), Agency Order(s) and/or Code Section(s) on which the Declartory Statement is soutght:

2017 Florida Building Code, 6th Edition Portions: Chapter 24: Glass & Glazing

Section: 2406 Safety Glazing

Background:

Diversified Windows, supplies and installs windows throughout the state of florida, we hold a contractors lisecnes as well our glass & glazing liscrense with the state. We have been in business since 2001, working on Apartment, Condos, Assisted living facilities for numerous Contractors. We successfully complete 15-20 multifamily projects a year, and our very hands on with numerous architects, contractors at the beginning stages of these multifamily projects. We strive to understand the latest codes pretaining to our products and are one of the largest turnkey suppliers/installers in the state. The Owners review every bid, submittal and are present in the field on these jobs.

Specifically, the code we are requesting clarification on has not appeared to have changed through many building codes. We are working closely with Richard Jones Architecture, 10 SE 1st Ave, Delray Beach, FL 3344 on the designs of this building type. Our interpretation of the code would exclude any Interior Doors adjacent to the windows, excluding those windows to be in a hazardous location.

Chapter 24: Glass & Glazing

2406.4 Hazardous locations:

Section: 2406.4.2 Glazing adjacent to doors.

Glazing in an individual fixed or operable panel adjacent to a door where the nearest edge vertical edge of the glazing is within a 24-inch (610 arc) ARC of either vertical edge of door in a closed position and where the bottom exposed edge of the glazing is less than 60 inches above the walking surface shall be considered a hazardous location.

Exceptions:

4. Glazing in wall on the latch side of and perpendicular to the plane of the door in a closed position in one-and two family dwellings or within dwelling units in group R-2

Question: Does this Hazardous location apply to Exterior Doors only adjacent to Exterior Windows or Does this Condition apply to Interior Doors as well adjacent to Exterior Windows?

Please see Unit plans attached for an apartment project that is not under permit or jurisdiction in Orlando, Fl. Project does consist of Interior Doors adjacent to exterior windows and for example only an Exterior Door at an uncovered balacony Adjacent to Exterior Windows. The projects typically consist of 3-4 stories high-buildings ranging from 15-20 units per Bldg. with about 15-35 bldgs total on a typical project.



