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December 8, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Minutes

STRUCTURAL TAC PRESENT:

Jim Schock, Chairman
David Compton
Siavash Farvardin
Jaime Gascon
Michael Guerasio

Do Y. Kim
Daniel Lavrich
CW Macomber
Craig Parrino
Gordon Thomas

STRUCTURAL TAC NOT PRESENT:

Steve Strawn

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Tom Campbell
Jim Hammers
Marlita Peters

Justin Vogel
Chris Howell
Joe Bigelow

Welcome:

Time: 10:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Structural TAC. A quorum was determined with 10 members present.

Agenda:

Ms. Peters asked for a motion to approve the agenda for December 8, 2020 as posted if there were no changes.

Commissioner Compton entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Guerasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2020:

Mr. Gascon entered a motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2020 meeting as posted. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

DS 2020-062 by Todd Schlemmer of UC12 Construction Services, LLC:

Mr. Madani advised that the applicant requested that the petition for declaratory statement be withdrawn.

Motion:

Mr. Lavrich entered a motion to accept the request from the applicant to withdraw the petition for declaratory statement. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

DS 2020-064 by Paul Danforth of GFA International, Inc.

Brian Hill was on the call representing the petitioner and provided a detailed background of the petition for declaratory statement.

Mr. Madani provided background on the petition and the full staff analysis including the petitioners answer to the questions.

DS 2020-064 by Paul Danforth of GFA International, Inc. (cont.):

Question 1: Does the installation of a manufactured home in accordance with FBC Section 458 require additional termite treatment in accordance with Sections R318.1.1 through R318.1.7 if the requirements of Section R318.1.8 are met by the use of naturally durable wood or wood that is preservative-treated in accordance with AWP A U1 for the species, product, preservative and end use in areas required by Section R317.1.1 through R317.1.7 as illustrated in Figure 1?

Answer:

Option #1/Petitioner: It is GFA's position that FBC Section R318.1 and its various subsections are intended to provide for alternative methods of termite protection. As such, it is GFA's position that the chemical soil treatment requirements set forth in FBC-Residential section R318.1.1 through 318.1.7 are not required for the installation of the described manufactured home where building components are protected in accordance with Section R318.1.8 at locations required in Section R317.1 as illustrated in Figure 1. It is also GFA's position that Section R317.1 and its subsections allow the use of naturally durable of preservative treated wood as an approved method of termite protection as illustrated in Figure 1.

Option #2/Staff: The answer to the Petitioner's question is yes. The termite protection requirements of Sections R318.1.1 through R318.1.7 are in addition to requirements of Sections R317.1.1 through R317.1.7 of the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Residential.

Question 2: Does section R318.1 require that if termite protective treatment is provided by Section R318.1.8 in areas required by Section R317.1.1 through R317.1.7 as illustrated in Figure 1, that a Certificate of Compliance be issued to the building department by a licensed pest control company? Specifically, a Certificate of Compliance that contains the following statement: "The building has received a complete treatment for the prevention of subterranean termites. Treatment is in accordance with rules and laws established by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services."

Answer:

Option #1/Petitioner: It is GFA's position that the Certificate of Treatment contemplated by FBC Section R318.1 is only required for projects which utilize termiticide applications in accordance with R318.1.1 through R318.1.7 and is Not Required for projects that protect the wood in areas required by R317.1.1 through R317.1.5 by use of naturally durable wood or wood that is preservative treated in accordance with AWP A U1 for the species, product, preservative and end use.

DS 2020-062 by Todd Schlemmer of UC12 Construction Services, LLC (cont.):

Option #2/Staff: The answer to the Petitioner's question is yes. As per section R318.1 of the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Residential, upon completion of the application of the termite protective treatment, a Certificate of Compliance shall be issued to the building department by the licensed pest control company.

Committee Member Comment:

Commissioner Compton stated he agreed with staff and spoke on the actual need for the certification for the building department.

Commissioner Schock stated he agreed with Commissioner Compton and would also agree with the staff analysis.

Mr. Lavrich stated he was also in favor of the staff analysis and agreed with Commissioner Compton.

The petitioner Paul Danforth offered additional information in addition to Mr. Hill's comments in response to the Committee's comments and concerns.

Public Comment: None

Motion:

Mr. Gascon entered a motion to accept the staff analysis, option #2 for both questions. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

Final Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed a final roll call with 9 members remaining on the line.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.