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**PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT  
BEFORE THE FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION**

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**Statute(s), Agency Rule(s), Agency Order(s) and/ or Code Section(s) on which the Declaratory Statement is sought:**

2010 Florida Building Code, Building  
Chapter 1: Section 110.3.7.1

**Background:**

Florida Building Services is a new company whose owner has been performing structural concrete repair of threshold buildings for the last 14 years. As a Florida Certified General Contractor, owner believes current language in sections of Chapter 1 Scope and Administration are conflicting and create an increased and unfair burden of liability and responsibility to a minority of specialty contractors. Current language requires a General Contractor to perform structural repairs to a threshold building, but excludes the requirement of a threshold inspector for the same activities, creating a lack of responsible oversight. Below are a list of projects that Florida Building Services is anticipated to perform in the market of threshold repair work.

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**Project 1**

5 story, 8,750sf, 35 unit condominium. Post tension structure with cast in place columns and beams. Scope of work is to lock-off remove/replace and re-tension approximately 600 post tension anchors throughout the structure as well as completely remove and recast 10 cantilever balconies 840sf and perform partial structural repairs to various columns, beams, and slabs.

**Question: Do the activities listed above meet the criteria of 2010 Florida Building Code Chapter 1: Sec 110.3.7.1?**

**Project 2**

7 story, 19,500sf, 98 unit condominium. Structure is elevated above an on grade parking area. Building is hollow core panel with cast in place columns and beams with exterior walkways. Scope of work is to remove wall and structural topping, reinforce slab and install new fall protection wall at exterior walkways. Completely remove and replace with conventional concrete 10 Interior hollow core panels.

**Question: Do the activities listed above meet the criteria of 2010 Florida Building Code Chapter 1: Sec 110.3.7.1?**

**Project 3**

4 story, 27,000sf, 60 unit condominium. Structure is cast in place concrete. Scope of work is to completely remove 3,240sf of exterior cantilevered balconies and Cast in place new.

**Question: Do the activities listed above meet the criteria of 2010 Florida Building Code Chapter 1: Sec 110.3.7.1?**

**Project 4**

Elevated 25 story, 10,000sf, 25 unit condominium. Structure is cast in place concrete. Scope of work is to perform various structural repair to columns and beams including building support columns.

**Question: Do the activities listed above meet the criteria of 2010 Florida Building Code Chapter 1: Sec 110.3.7.1?**

**Project 5**

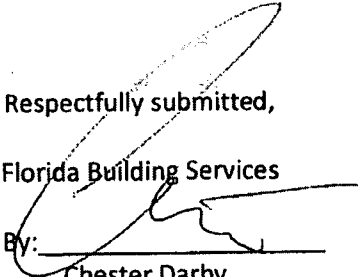
7 story, 37,500sf, 80 unit condominium. Structure is cast in place concrete. Scope of work is to support and sever 72 balconies, remove 1ft strip of concrete from each balcony at building plane, repair structural steel and recast. Remove and replace 80 floor to ceiling exterior glass wall systems with added cast in place reinforcing columns.

**Question: Do the activities listed above meet the criteria of 2010 Florida Building Code Chapter 1: Sec 110.3.7.1?**

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**Summary**

Owner believes the answer to all the questions is "YES." If the answer is "NO," current language allows a non-structural engineer without threshold certification and his non licensed employees to direct and inspect work to remove, replace, alter or modify, any structural part and life safety components of a threshold building.

Respectfully submitted,  
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