April 3, 2007

Paula Ford, Clerk of the Florida Building Commission
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oaks Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

SUBJECT: Petition for Declaratory Statement Before the Florida Building Commission

Dear Ms. Ford:

Please consider this letter as a request for a petition for a declaratory statement before the Florida Building Commission. Our request involves, as an example, a non-glazed garage door installed in a particular windborne debris region in Florida.

Recently, a garage door dealer sold a non-glazed garage door for installation at a residence in the city of Daytona Beach, Florida. Our questions are as follows:

1. Is the non-glazed garage door in question required to comply with the windborne debris resistance provisions in the Florida Building Code?
2. Are there any other areas in Florida, outside the High Velocity Hurricane Zone, where the non-glazed garage door in question would be required to be windborne debris resistant?
3. Are windborne debris resistance provisions different for residential versus non-residential construction?

Please advise as to when our Petition will be considered by the Commission. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

JOSEPH R. HETZEL, P.E.
Technical Director

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cc: Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee
Rolling Door Division
Mo Madani, Florida Department of Community Affairs
April 9, 2007

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SUBJECT: Petition for Declaratory Statement Before the Florida Building Commission

Dear Ms. Ford:

Please consider this letter as a request for a petition for a declaratory statement before the Florida Building Commission. Our request involves a specific garage door, as an example, with respect to windborne debris resistance requirements.

Recently, a garage door dealer sold a non-glazed garage door, manufactured by Overhead Door Corporation, for installation at a residence in a windborne debris region outside the High Velocity Hurricane Zone. Referencing Section R301.2.1.2 of the Florida Building Code, Residential volume and Section 1609.1.4 of the Florida Building Code, Building volume, our questions are as follows:

1. Is the garage door in question required to comply with the windborne debris resistance provisions in the Florida Building Code?
2. Are there any other areas in Florida, outside the High Velocity Hurricane Zone, where the garage door in question would be required to be windborne debris resistant?
3. Are windborne debris resistance provisions different for residential versus non-residential construction, such that a non-residential, non-glazed garage door would be required to be windborne debris resistant outside the High Velocity Hurricane Zone?

Please advise as to when our Petition will be considered by the Commission. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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