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Mr. Mo Madani
Florida Building Commission
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SUBJECT: Petition for Declaratory Statement Before the Florida Building Commission
Regarding the following: Florida Statute 61G20-3.007, Product Approval by the Commission
Florida Statute 553.8425 (3)
Florida Building Code, Residential Volume Section R301.2.1.2, Protection of Openings

Dear Mr. Madani:

Please consider this letter as a request for a petition for a declaratory statement before the Florida Building Commission. The request involves a garage door alteration at the time of installation.

Our request focuses on a particular Florida state-approved garage door, offered by Overhead Door Corporation, with glazing in the top section for a garage in New Port Richey, Florida. The door is listed in the Florida Building Code Information System (BCIS) at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations web site. The door does not have a Miami-Dade County Notice of Acceptance (NOA.) The door model has been tested for impact resistance without allowance for vents. A vent in the bottom garage door panel is needed for flood control, as a modification for this specific project. Our questions are as follows:

1. If a vent is installed in the door, is the state approval still valid if the approval does not include allowance for a vent?
2. Is there any difference in the answer to #1 above for a door involving a vent for flood control versus a vent for air ventilation?
3. Does the size of the vent itself make a difference in the answer to Question #1?

Please advise as to when our Petition will be considered by the Commission. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph R. Hetzel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "H".

JOSEPH R. HETZEL, P.E.
Technical Director

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cc: Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee