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Petition For Declaratory Statement  
Before The Florida Building Commission

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RE: Revision to DCA05DEC0136

We are in the process of designing single family residences to be built in  
Flagler county and after reviewing the 2004 code changes We need to  
know if we can design with openings on the zero lot line side of the  
building and if we need to include fire sprinkler systems in these homes.

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RE: R302.2 – Openings

We are looking for a clear interpretation of whether or not we can have openings on the zero lot line of a building with a ten foot separation between buildings.

Previously we had to refer to table 600 but it is no longer in the 2004 code book. We have currently referenced R302.2, it seems pretty clear when it states “Openings shall not be permitted in the exterior wall of a dwelling or accessory building that is separated from an adjacent building by a distance of less that six feet (1828 mm). This distance shall be measured perpendicular to the line used to determine the separation distance.”

Our company has several projects being built on zero lot line lots where this comes into play and makes design for egress difficult. We would like to know if our reference to R302.2 in the new code is appropriate when trying to determine if we can place windows on the zero lot line when there is a 10’ separation from the adjacent building. Our interpretation of R302.2 in the new code is that we are allowed windows on the zero lot line when buildings are more that 6 feet apart.

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