

**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:

5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Existing Building – Section 606.2
2010 Florida Building Code, Existing Building – Section 506.2
2007 Florida Building Code, Existing Building – Section 506.2

Background:

Bracken Engineering, Inc. is a consulting engineering firm located and licensed within the state of Florida. Bracken Engineering is currently in the process of designing a repair for a detached single family home located in St. Petersburg, Florida that was damaged during a storm. Specifically, a tree limb impacted the roof and damaged a 10'x10' section of roof deck and approximately 20-30% of the shingles on this roof section. The damage was determined to be less than substantial structural damage. Petitioner seeks clarification as to whether repairs to roof coverings performed in accordance with Chapter 6 – Repairs, of the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Existing Building would need to comply with the requirements of Section 708 Reroofing.

Language within past editions of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building have required the repair of roof coverings to comply with the requirements of the Repair Chapter as well as the Reroof requirements contained within the Alterations Level 1 Chapter. However, such language was not included in the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Existing Building. Relevant excerpts from these referenced codes are provided below:

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| <p>2007 Florida Building Code, Existing Building</p> <p>Chapter 5 – Repairs Section 506 Structural</p> <p>506.2 Repairs to damaged buildings. Repairs to damaged buildings shall comply with this section and <u>Section 611, Reroofing.</u> (emphasis added)</p> |
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2010 Florida Building Code, Existing Building

**Chapter 5 – Repairs
Section 506 Structural**

506.2 Repairs to damaged buildings. Repairs to damaged buildings shall comply with this section and Section 611, Reroofing. (emphasis added)

5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Existing Building

**Chapter 6 – Repairs
Section 606 Structural**

606.2 Repairs to damaged buildings. Repairs to damaged buildings shall comply with this section.

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QUESTION:

Does the repair of roof coverings performed in accordance with Chapter 6 of the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Existing Building need to comply with the requirements of Section 708 Reroofing?

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Summary

Petitioner respectfully believes the answer to the question outlined above is “No.” The language that required this compliance in past editions of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building has not been included in the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Existing Building. Therefore the requirements of Section 708 Reroofing do not apply to the repair of roof coverings under the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Existing Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Bracken Engineering, Inc.



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