


- (1) Petition for Declaratory Statement before the Florida Building Commission
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- (4) Florida Building Code 2001, Building Volume, Section 707.1, Exceptions #8.
- (5) We respectfully request that the Florida Building Commission confirm that Andreu & Associates, Inc.'s interpretation of the FBC 2001, Section 707.1, Exception #8, specifically allows the use of PVC schedule 40 (combustible piping) and/or ENT (electrical non-metallic tubing) within non-fire rated walls and/or partitions in a condominium unit of a new construction building of Type I, II or IV. The PVC/ENT is being used to extend electrical risers, as well as, general use electrical circuits within the condominium non-fire rated walls. We request that this ruling be subject to a State wide ruling and, as a result, should include all counties and municipalities.
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Arturo Silveira; Electrical Contractor #EC0002789
- (7) November 18, 2005
- (8) Project: The Waves, 401 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301



## Florida Building Code Informal Interpretation



**Date:** Tue Mar 16 2004

**Report #:** 2908

**Code:** Building

**Section:** 707.1

**Question:**

Is it the intent of 707 to prohibit the use of PVC/ENT within the envelope of an apartment unit in a Type I building? The conduits are not in any of the fire rated walls that separate the unit from other units or corridors, only within the apartment unit's walls.

**Answer:**

No. FBC §707.1 Exceptions 5 and 8 permit the condition described in the requestor's question.

**Commentary:**

"Combustible piping may also be used within concealed ceiling spaces when approved."

**Notice:**

*The Building Officials Association of Florida, in cooperation with the Florida Building Commission, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, ICC, and industry and professional experts offer this interpretation of the Florida Building Code in the interest of consistency in their application statewide. This interpretation is informal, non-binding and subject to acceptance and approval by the local building official.*