

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 Declaratory Statement is sought:

Florida Building Code-2010-Residential R301.1.3

Background:

I am the president of my firm J. Scott Drafting Inc. The scope of my services is design and drafting, Preparation of construction documents for single family residences and their addition, alterations, and remodeling. I have practiced my profession for over 25 years. I am currently completing several such projects in accordance with the FBC Residential Code requirements. Typically my projects contain some structural elements not in strict accordance with FBC-R, however designed in accordance with accepted engineering practice.

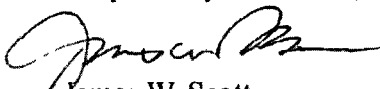
Project:

Davel-Kromer Addition to existing residence. 10373 Willig Ave., Englewood, Fl. 34224, Charlotte County. Project consists of adding approximately 1580 sq ft of living area to an existing residence of 1850 sq. ft. Living area addition will be added to left side of home with a Lanai stretching across the back of the home attaching to the existing and new construction. Lanai beam spans will be quite large and requiring steel beam to achieve the spans. This steel beam design is not listed in the prescriptive design of the FBC-R. The beam however will be designed in accordance with sound engineering principals based on my experience, that I have employed for many projects, new construction as well as renovations, in the same manner for well over 10 years.

Question:

For the building containing structural elements exceeding the FBC-R limits or otherwise non-conforming to the code, but designed in accordance with the accepted engineering practice, does the FBC-R require the complete set of plans and specification to be certified by an Architect or Engineer as being designed to comply with the structural portion of the Building Code for wind and gravity loads?

Respectfully Submitted,


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