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Petition For Declaratory Statement

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This is a revision of DCA08-DEC-086:

A declaratory statement is sought in reference to a sunroom project located in Martin County, FL 1467 NW Lakepoint drive. This is a glass sunroom with a glass roof. It is not being constructed under an existing roof. The sunroom is designed as partially enclosed. We believe that the 2007 FRC R 301.2.1.2 Protection of openings exempts sunrooms from the requirement of shutter protection as long as the sunroom is separated from the existing structure by a wall and all openings in the existing wall are protected.

R301.2.1.2 Protection of Openings

1. Openings in sunrooms; balconies or enclosed porches constructed under existing roofs or decks are not required to be protected provided the spaces are separated from the building interior by a wall and all openings in the separating wall area protected in accordance with this section. Such space shall be permitted to be designed as either partially enclosed or enclosed structures.

Section 1609.1.2 of the 2007 FBC final Draft reads:

4. Openings in Sunrooms, balconies, or enclosed porches constructed under existing roofs or decks are not required to be protected provided the spaces are separated from the building interior by a wall and all openings in the separating wall are protected in accordance with 1609.1.2. Such spaces shall be permitted to be designed as either partially enclosed or enclosed structures.

Chapter 2 Definitions

Sunroom Addition: A one story structure added to an existing dwelling with an open or glazed area in excess of 40% of the gross area of the sunroom structures exterior **walls** and **roof**.

- 1- Can the above Sunroom be built as partially enclosed?
- 2- Can the described structure with its own new roof be built as partially enclosed?
- 3- Does a partially enclosed sunroom have to be shuttered even though it is separated from the existing structure by either impact glass or shutters?
- 4- For a sunroom being added to an existing single family home less than 3 stories which code applies the Building code or the Residential code?