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**PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT
BEFORE THE FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
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Stature(s), Agency Rule(s), Agency Order(s), and/or Code Section(s) on which the Declaratory Statement is sought:

**2020 Florida Building Code, Residential & Commercial
Rule: 61G20-3.007 Product Approval by the Commission**

Background:

Advanced Building Products (ABP) is a manufacturer of entangled net products for drainage and ventilation located in Sanford Maine. We manufacture a variety of waterproofing products for residential or commercial applications. We have tried to bring our products to the Florida market but are met with the questions, "do we have a Florida Building Code number?", or "are we approved by the Florida Building Code?" We have had reservations from potential customers that aren't willing to bring in a product that isn't code approved. We are looking for an approval from The Florida Building Commission to finally be able to sell our product and prove that our product can be used within their wall system, or roof without conviction. I had done research and found that if our product was not structural than there wasn't a need for a Product Approval process. Our products provide drainage and ventilation within a system either below grade, side wall, and roofing, but provides no structural integrity. Even making this statement is not enough. Our sales within this market could be much better if this issue was not in front of us at each turn.

Our Products:

- Advanced Drain® - A below grade and horizontal drainage mat.
- R-Vent® - a metal roof drainage & ventilation mat.
- CedAir-Mat® - A cedar roof drainage & ventilation mat.
- Mortairvent® - exterior siding drainage and ventilation mat (drainage space as mentioned in 2020 Building Code Section 2510.6). Used for stone, stucco, fiber cement, EIFS, & thin brick veneers.

Question

Does ABP product's manufactured for drainage and ventilation need to go through the product approval process to be approved by for the Florida Building Code if they are not structural?

Summary

I believe that the answer is "Yes" that Advanced Building Products can provide product to the Florida market without having a Florida Building Code number since the products we provide are not structural in nature. If the Commission feels otherwise, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

Advanced Building Products, Inc.

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