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Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County

TECHNICAL ADVISORY

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Subject: House Bill 1A

This Technical Advisory is intended to provide for uniform understanding and enforcement, and recommends that each Building Department of Palm Beach County use this advisory to interpret the Legislation of House Bill 1A.

Section 9.

Upon the effective date of this act, each jurisdiction having authority to enforce the Florida Building Code shall, at a minimum, require wind-borne-debris protection in accordance with s. 1609.1, International Building Code (2006) and the International Residential Code (2006) within the "wind-borne-debris region" as that term is defined in s. 1609.2, International Building Code (2006), and s. R301.2, International Residential Code (2006).

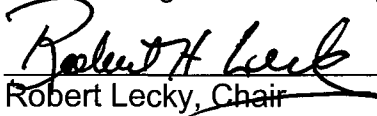
Section 10.

(1) The Florida Building Commission shall amend the Florida Building Code to reflect the application of provisions identified in section 9 of this act, and to eliminate all exceptions that provide less stringent requirements. The amendments by the commission shall apply throughout the state with the exception of the High Velocity Hurricane Zone, which shall be governed as currently provided within the Florida Building Code. The commission shall fulfill these obligations before July 1, 2007, pursuant only to the provisions of chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

(2) The Florida Building Commission shall develop voluntary "Code Plus" guidelines for increasing the hurricane resistance of buildings. The guidelines may be modeled on the requirements for the High Velocity Hurricane Zone and must identify products, systems, and methods of construction that the commission anticipates could result in stronger construction. The commission shall include these guidelines in its report to the 2008 Legislature.

Enforcement dictated by Section 9 should start July 1, 2007, with the modifications that the Florida Building Commission has been obligated in Section 10 to complete, reflecting the provisions of Section 9 in amendments to the Florida Building Code. The effective date will be July 1, 2007, or until the Florida Building Commission modifies our interpretation.

For Building Code Advisory Board


Robert Lecky, Chair

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The Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County was created by a Special Act of the Florida Legislature, at the request of the building code enforcement and construction industries. The purpose of the Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners and local governments concerning the adoption of building codes and their enforcement throughout the County. The Act also granted Palm Beach County special powers concerning building codes, in the interest of the public's health, safety and general welfare.

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