Petition for an Informal, Non-Binding Interpretation of the Florida Fire Prevention Code

Pursuant to Section 633.026(6), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Division of State Fire Marshal “shall cause to be issued a nonbinding interpretation of the Florida Fire Prevention Code … when requested to do so upon submission of a petition by a fire official or by the owner or owner’s representative or the contractor or contractor’s representative of a project in dispute.” The interpretation must be provided to the Petitioner within 10 business days after receipt of the petition unless that time period is waived in writing by the Petitioner and Division of State Fire Marshal. Interpretations are advisory only and nonbinding on the parties and Division of State Fire Marshal. Section 633.026(3), F.S.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITION

To be considered, each petition must be fully completed according to the following instructions and accompanied by a fee of $110:

- If the Petitioner is seeking review of an interpretation of the Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC) made by a local fire official (LFO), Sections I. and II. of this form must be completed. Each petition may only request review of a single interpretation made by a LFO. A request for review of any additional interpretation by a LFO must be made in a separate petition.

- If the Petitioner is seeking an interpretation of the FFPC, which does not involve an interpretation made by a LFO, Sections I. and III. of this form must be completed. Each petition may only pose a single, specific question regarding the FFPC. Any additional question must be made in a separate petition.

SECTION I.

Name of Petitioner: ________________________________________________________________
Name of Petitioner’s Representative if applicable: _________________________________________
Company: _______________________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Phone: __________________________________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________________________________________

SECTION II.

Name of Local Fire Official (LFO): _________________________________________________
Fire Department: __________________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: __________ Zip: __________
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Document No. applied by the LFO: __________
Edition of the NFPA Document: ____________________________________________
Chapter and Paragraph of the NFPA Document: ________________________________

Explain how the Petitioner’s substantial interests are being affected by the LFO’s interpretation of the NFPA citation above:
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Enter a statement of the LFO’s interpretation of the NFPA citation above and identify the manner in which the statement was rendered:
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Enter a statement of the interpretation that the Petitioner contends should be given to the NFPA citation above and a statement supporting the Petitioner’s interpretation:
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SECTION III.

NFPA Document No. that is the subject of the question: ________________________________
Edition of the NFPA Document: ____________________________________________
Chapter and Paragraph of the NFPA Document: ________________________________

Explain how the Petitioner’s substantial interests are being affected by the question below:
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Enter the Petitioner’s question concerning an interpretation of the FFPC:
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