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Section 1510

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 1510.1 to require that secondary roof drains be installed if not existing for a roof replacement in which the existing roof has a parapet?

Answer

Probably-yes. It depends on when the building was originally permitted. The requirement for secondary drains dates back to Standard Plumbing Code 1991.

Commentary:

Some things that the local jurisdiction can enforce:
Considering that the structure could be subject to structural collapse in the event the primary drainage element(s) become obstructed; Section 102.6 provides the necessary authority to require secondary drain provisions or to require calculations indicating that a rain load in excess of that considered in the design could not accumulate in the event the primary drainage elements become obstructed.
CODE READS AS FOLLOWS:

102.6 Existing structures: The legal occupancy of any structure existing on the date of adoption of this code shall be permitted to continue without change, except as is specifically covered in this code, or the Florida Fire Prevention Code, or as is deemed necessary by the building official for the general safety and welfare of the occupants and the public.

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