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Question:

Is it the intent of the Florida Building Code Existing Building to require an existing (A-2) restaurant, with more than 100 seats, add an outdoor open-air patio without installing a fire sprinkler system in the existing building.

Answer

Maybe, depending how the patio is arranged. See commentary below.

Commentary:

First the code should be the Existing Building Code Chapter-10. The addition cannot cause a new or additional code non-conforming situation, or expand an existing non-conforming situation. Therefore, each project requires an evaluation by the AHJ.

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