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Section 1003

Question:

If a grease interceptor is installed on private property, and is connected to the municipal sewer, can a Utilities Director or other municipal official exempt their city from the requirements of Section 1003 of the Florida Building Code by claiming "We require all grease interceptors to be a minimum of 750 gallons"? Can they stop the installation of a grease inteceptor that meets all of the requirements of Section 1003.3 by claiming it is not 750 gallons?

Answer

This is not a Code question that relates to code requirements or the powers and duties of the Building Official as defined in the Code. The question points to a Utilities Director that may be overstepping the bounds of his/her authority. Utilities directors are not empowered by the Florida Building Code or Florida Statute to interpret, exempt, or enforce the requirements of the Florida Building Code.

Commentary:

An ADOPTED ordinance can certainly be more stringent and the county or city can follow the legal process to adopt such an ordinance which specifies the requirements for grease interceptors installed within that jurisdiction.

Notice:

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