



Informal Interpretation Report Number 7011



Date July 13, 2012

Edition 2010

Section R301.1.3

Question:

Is it the intent of R301.1.3 to allow a engineer to eliminate the required vertical reinforcement under sections R609.3.1 through R609.3.6?

Answer

The provisions of R609.3.1 through R609.3.6 are prescriptive provisions allowing the construction of the dwelling without the expense of a design professional. An engineer can develop a design that differs from the provision, but cannot eliminate vertical reinforcement entirely.

Commentary:

Should the design vary from the prescriptive provisions in the code, a peer review of the design should be requested.

Notice:

The Building Officials Association of Florida, in cooperation with the Florida Building Commission, the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, ICC, and industry and professional experts offer this interpretation of the Florida Building Code in the interest of consistency in their application statewide. This interpretation is informal, non-binding and subject to acceptance and approval by the local building official.