



**Informal Interpretation Report
Number 7413**



Date October 21, 2014

Edition 2010

Section R4101.17.1.2

Question:

Is it the intent of FBC 424.2.17.1.2, and FBC R 4101.17.1.2 for fences used as pool barriers to comply with FBC 1607.7.1.2 for structural loading and stability, specifically the pickets?

Answer

No.

Commentary:

A pool fence does not meet the definitions of items covered by 1607.7 and there are no references to the section. That being said, the fence still must prevent passage of a 4 inch sphere at a reasonable hand pressure. No specific value is provided by the code.

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.