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Section R301.2.1

Question:

Does a townhouse need to be structurally designed to stand in a hurricane without any help from its neighbors for wind lateral loads?

Answer

Yes. Please see the attached commentary

Commentary:

Yes, Refer to R301.1 Buildings and structures, and parts thereof, shall be constructed to safely support all loads,wind loads and seismic loads as prescribed by this code. The construction of buildings and structures in accordance with the provisions of this code shall result in a system that provides a complete load path that meets the requirements for the transfer of loads.....

Based on this, each loading point would need to also address the wind.

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