



Florida Division of State Fire Marshal

The Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association,
"Organization" (§633.026)

Informal Interpretation Request

Date: 6/23/22

NFPA Document Number: NFPA 2018

Paragraph Reference: 3.3.282.7 & 3.3.282.8

Explain how the Petitioner's substantial interests are being affected by the LFO's interpretation of the NFPA citation above:

This project is for covered storage of RV's boats and other trailers. No other facilities like this that have structures over the RV's and Boats have been classified as buildings and have been required to meet the requirements of FFPC Chapter 18. I spoke with a couple of Fire Marshal's in my area and they did not believe Chapter 18 applied as well.

Enter a statement of the LFO's interpretation of the NFPA citation above and identify the manner in which the statement was rendered:

LFO's believe the structures are buildings and have confirmed this in several emails.

Enter a statement of the interpretation that the Petitioner contends should be given to the NFPA citation above and a statement supporting the Petitioner's interpretation:

Per 3.3.282.7 this is definitely an open structure. The addition of roofs over the parked boats and RV's should not have the same classification as an enclosed building the same size. This open structure does not have the same fire risk as an enclosed building.

Enter the Petitioner's question concerning an interpretation of the FFPC:

Would a non-combustible "Shade Structures", (metal roofs and columns, no walls), installed over RV's and Boats in a RV & boat storage facility, be considered as an open structure under NFPA 101(2018) 3.3.282.7, and as such, would the site water requirements of NFPA 1:18 apply?

Committee's majority answer: yes

Regardless of if the structure is considered an open structure, the structure described is still a building and the water supply requirements of NFPA 1 Chapter 18 would still apply.

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Committee Region Map



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