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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Storm Shutter Installation on Balconies of Sprinklered Buildings	Memo #: 1995-1 <i>Converted 2/9/2021</i>
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This memorandum serves to provide guidance for the approval of installation of hurricane shutters on balconies of buildings protected by sprinkler systems installed in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, which requires sprinkler protection on enclosed balconies.

From the original variance:

“Considering that the hurricane shutters are only temporary, closed during the off season and during inclement weather conditions, a variance will be granted provided that the following criteria is strictly maintained and enforced by the Condo Association and subject to inspection by this office.

1. The use or storage of combustibile material. Example, upholstered furniture, shall have limited rates of heat release where tested in accordance with ASTM 1537, Standard Method for Fire Testing of Real Scale Upholstered Furniture Items, as follows:
 - a) The peak rate of heat release for the single furniture item shall not exceed 250 KW.
 - b) The total energy released by the single furniture item during the first five (5) minutes of the test shall not exceed forty (40) MJ.
 - c) Furnishings or decorations of an explosive or highly flammable character shall not be used or stored in the noted areas.”

Properties will be required to provide sprinkler protection; however, individual variances related to above criteria, may be entertained.