STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 16-02

CODE: 2012 International Residential Code

SECTION: R309.2, Carports

QUESTION: A carport, according to the IRC, must have two “open” sides. What is the definition of “open?” Is there a ratio of wall area to open area that qualifies a structure as being open?

ANSWER: The intent is that a carport is at least 100 percent open on one side and with 50 percent net openings.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: San Jan County